

Supplementary File 1.

Identification strategy used for lipid identification from LC-MS/MS datasets

CAUTION: Retention times, elution orders, adducts formation and their relative abundance, extent of in source fragmentation (ISF), and fragmentation patterns are all described for reversed phase chromatography [C18 or C30 (stationary phase) and water-acetonitrile-isopropanol supplemented with formic acid and ammonium formate (mobile phase)] coupled on-line to Q Exactive Plus MS or Fusion Lumos systems with beam type CID (here HCD). Note, that other types of chromatography, MS and MS/MS setups might result in different values and patterns.

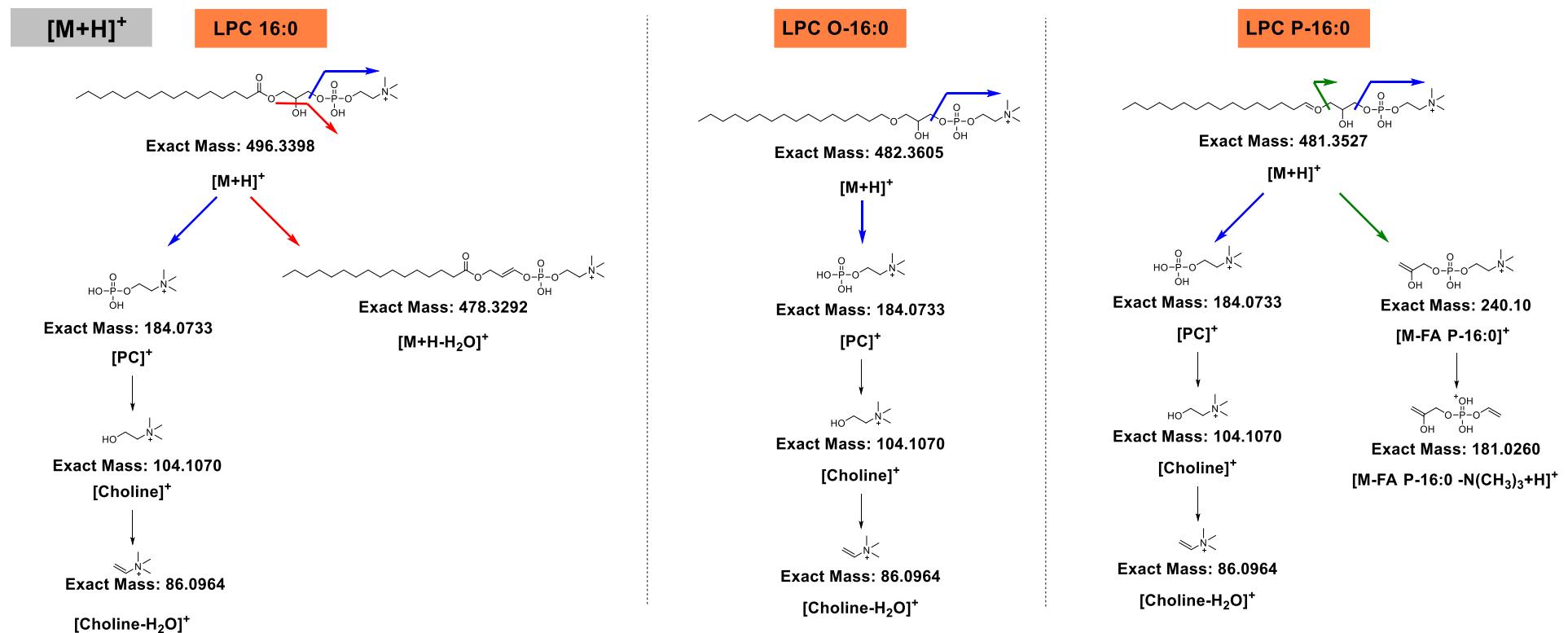
Phospholipids

1. Manual annotation of Lysophosphatidylcholines (LPC)

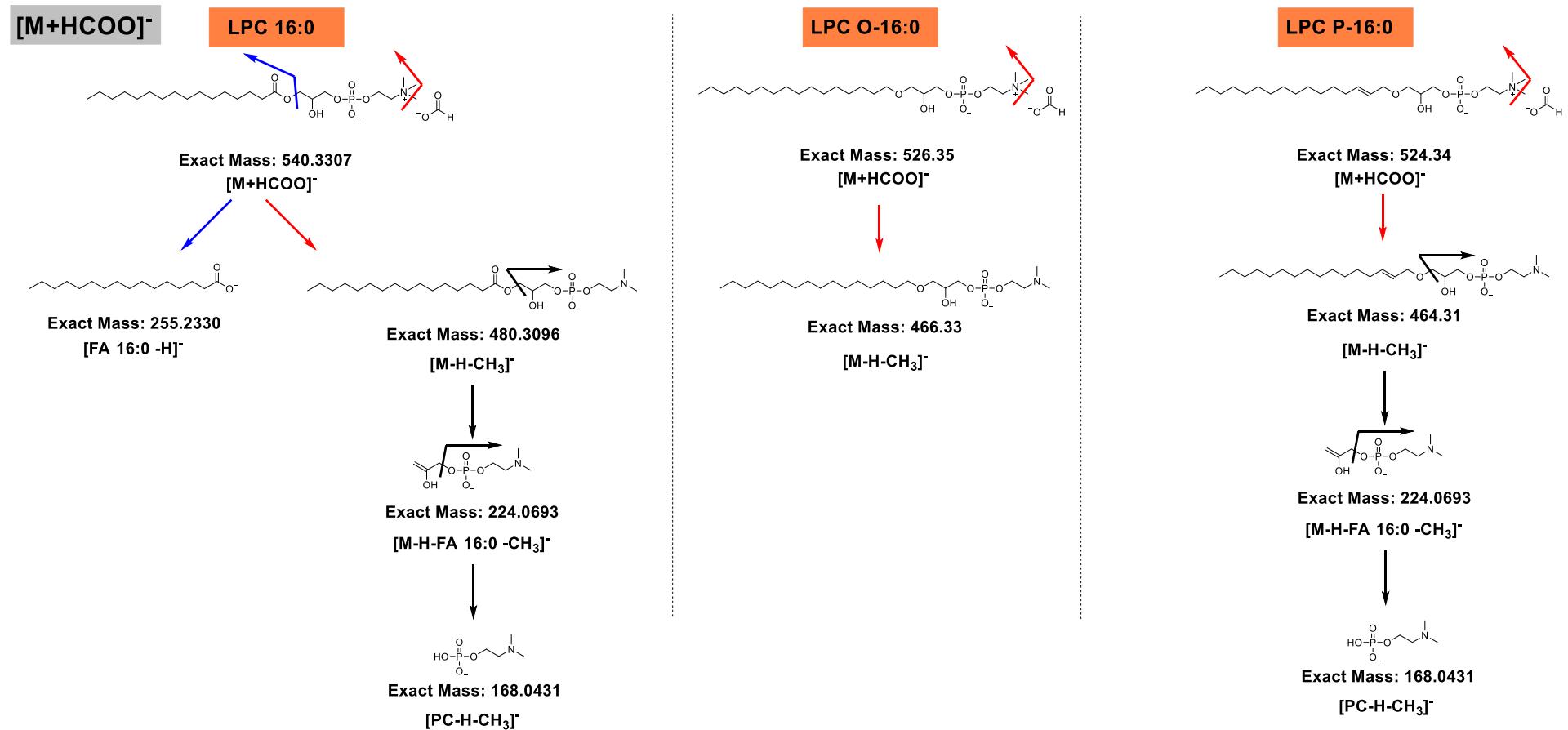
Manual confirmation to assure accurate identification of A-LPC, O-LPC and P-LPC (A- vs O- vs P-LPC) subclasses was based on specific fragment ions, their ratio and retention time mapping.

1.1. Monitored adducts: LPC were monitored as protonated or formate adducts in positive and negative ion modes, respectively. $[M-CH_3]^+$ ions, usually formed as the result of in-source fragmentation (ISF) by the collisional decomposition of anionic formate adducts with the loss of neutral methyl formate at the intermediate region of the instrument between the atmospheric pressure of the ESI source and the vacuum parts of the analyzer, were below 1% relative to the formate adducts even for the most abundant LPC lipids and thus were not considered for the identification. However, $[M-CH_3]^+$ ions might be more prominent on the QTOF instruments operating with a higher pressure at the front end of the instrument or Orbitrap-based platforms with ion funnel configuration of the transmission devices.

1.2. Fragmentation patterns: General fragmentation pattern and representative MS/MS spectra for LPC ionized in positive and negative modes are illustrated below:



Scheme 1.1. General HCD fragmentation pattern of protonated acyl, alkyl and alkenyl linked LPC [M+H]⁺.



Scheme 1.2. General HCD fragmentation pattern of acyl, alkyl and alkenyl linked LPC format adduct $[M+HCOO]^-$.

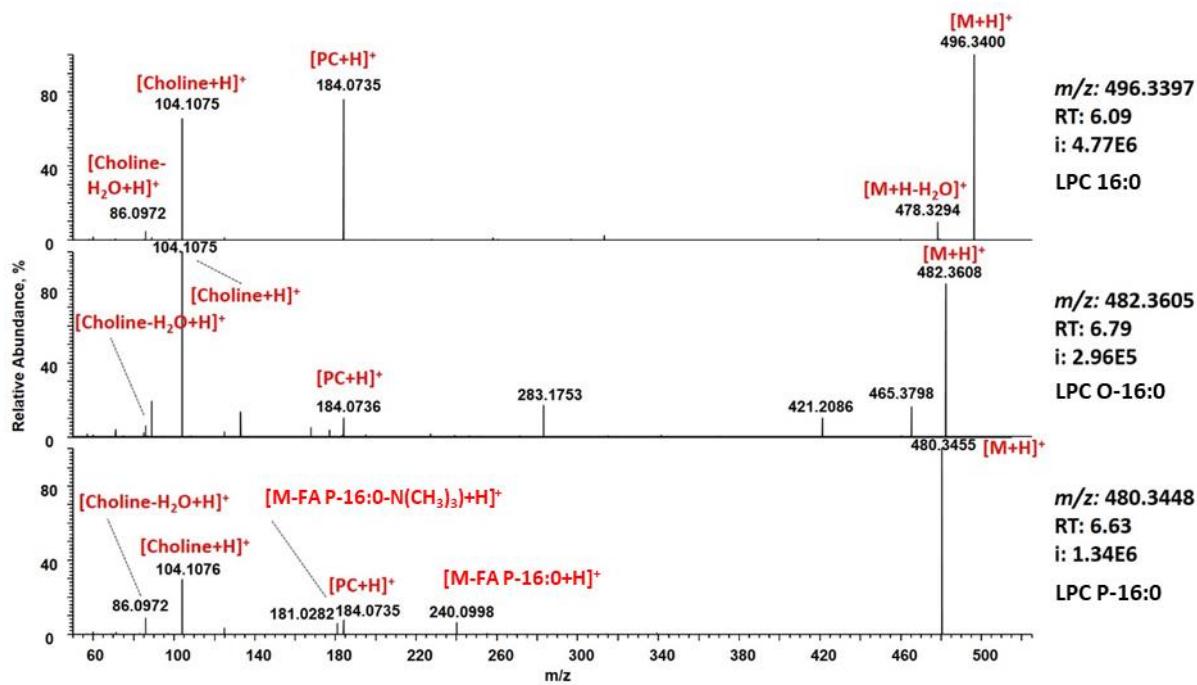


Figure 1.1. Representative HCD spectra of protonated LPC 16:0 (top), LPC O-16:0 (middle), and LPC P-16:0 (bottom).

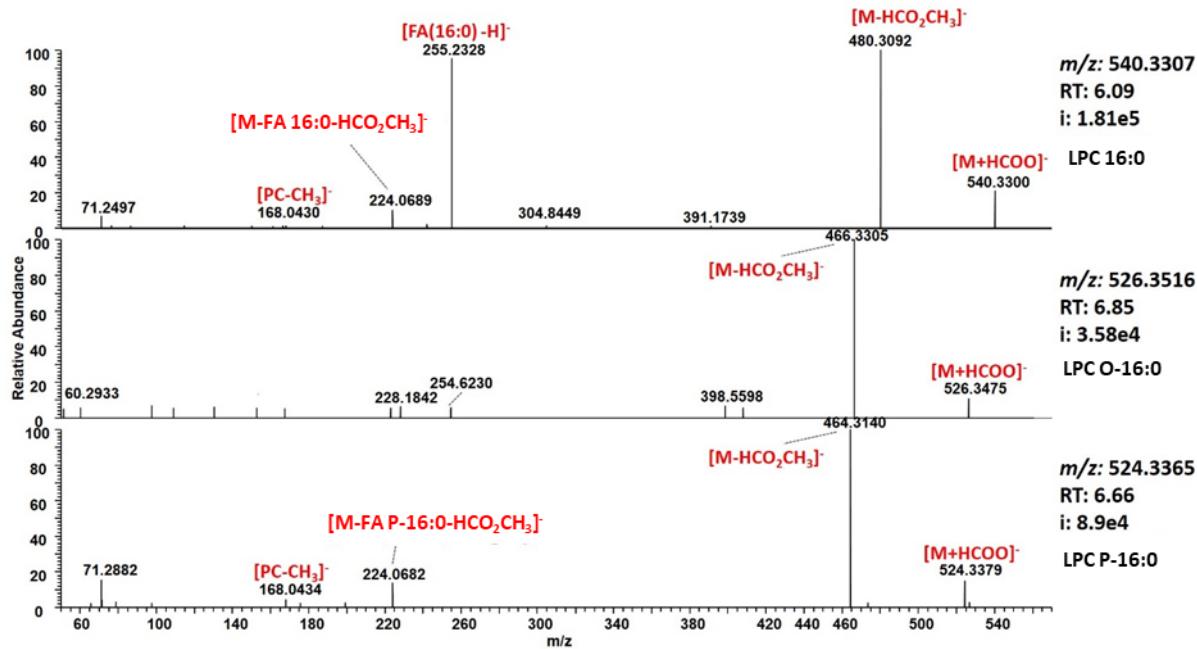


Figure 1.2. Representative HCD spectra of formate adduct of LPC 16:0 (top), LPC O-16:0 (middle), and LPC P-16:0 (bottom).

Table 1.1. Summary of LPC neutral loss (NL) and fragment ions (FI) obtained by positive and negative ion mode HCD.

NL/FI	A-LPC	O-LPC	P-LPC
Positive ion mode HCD			
NL: -18 (-water)	+		
FI: 240 (dehydroglycerophosphocholine)			+
FI: 181 (dehydroglycerophosphocholine - trimethylamine)			+
FI: 184 (phosphocholine)	+	+	+
FI: 104 (choline)	+	+	+
FI: 86 (dehydrocholine)	+	+	+
Negative ion mode HCD			
NL: - 60 (methyl format)	+	+	+
FI: fatty acyl anion	+		
FI: 224 (demethylated dehydroglycerol phosphocholine)	+		+
FI: 168 (demethylated phosphocholine)	+		+

Positive ion mode HCD:

- Water loss from the precursor is usually observed only for A-LPC.
- Fragment ion at m/z 240 formed by the NL of aldehyde (and low abundant fragment at m/z 181 formed by a consecutive loss if trimethylamine) are characteristic for P-LPC.
- O-LPC has the least informative fragmentation pattern, with no specific fragment ions other than one at m/z 184, 104, and 86.
- Ratio of HG-derived ions (m/z 240, 184, and 104) can be used to differentiate between A-, O- and P-LPCs (Figure 1.3).

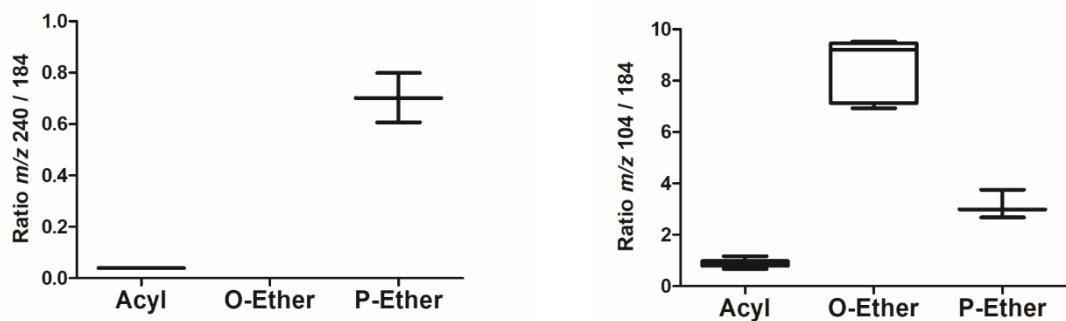


Figure 1.3. Fragment ions intensities ratio for 104/184 (left) and 240/184 (right) in the positive ion mode calculated using 16 LPC lipids identified in the study.

Negative ion mode HCD:

- Fatty acyl anion is characteristic only for A-LPC
- Fragment ions at m/z 224 (demethylated dehydroglycerol phosphocholine formed by the NL of carboxylic acid (A-LPC) or aldehyde (P-LPC)) and 168 (dimethylated ethylene phosphate) are characteristic for A- and P-LPC, but not O-LPC.

Observed fragmentation pattern and fragment ions intensity ratio are in agreement with previously published tandem MS studies of A-, O- and P-LPCs.

1.3. RT mapping

To establish retention time rules, molecular LPC species with single proposed structure (no possible isomers between A-LPC, O- and P-LPCs) were used. Here six lipid species representing A-LPC and O-LPC without double bounds in carbohydrate chains (marked in green in Table 1.2) were used as “RT anchors” which allowed to establish that Δ RT between A- and O-LPC pairs carrying the same carbohydrate chains correspond to 0.9-1.0 min.

For possible isomeric LPC with two proposed molecular species (e.g. LPC P-16:0 vs LPC O-16:1), Δ RT to corresponding A-LPC (e.g. LPC 16:0) was calculated, and if Δ RT was above 1.0 min or had a negative value, that ID was considered as a false positive (red values in the Table 1.2). Thus, Δ RT between A- and O-LPC and A- and P-LPC with the same carbon number were identified as 0.8-1.0 and 0.7-0.8 min, respectively.

Table 1.2. Calculated RT differences between A-, O- and P-LPC lipids used to identify true and false positive IDs.

Bulk	[M+H]+	RT_C18	O-A	P-A	O-P
LPC 16:0	496.3397	5.97			
LPC O-16:0	482.3605	6.88	0.91		0.22
LPC P-16:0	480.3448	6.66		0.69	
LPC O-16:1			2.35		
LPC 16:1	494.3241	4.31			
LPC 18:0	524.371	8.16			
LPC O-18:0	510.3918	9.17	1.01		0.25
LPC P-18:0	508.3761	8.92		0.76	
LPC O-18:1			2.64		
LPC 18:1	522.3554	6.28			
LPC P-18:0	508.3761	7.1		-1.06	
LPC O-18:1			0.82		0.12
LPC P-18:1	506.3605	6.98		0.7	
LPC O-18:2			2.09		
LPC 18:2	520.3397	4.89			
LPC 20:0	552.4023	10.35			
LPC 20:1	550.3867	8.29			
LPC P-20:0	536.4074	9.13		-1.22	
LPC O-20:1			0.84		
LPC 24:0	608.4649	14.18			
LPC O-24:0	594.4857	15.08	0.9		

Finally, structure – RT relationships for all identified LPC species were visualized by plotting Kendrick mass defect by hydrogen (KMD(H)) vs RT plot to control identification accuracy (Figure 1.4). All species falling out of the diagonal (different carbon number but the same DBE) and horizontal (same carbon number but different DBE) trendlines were excluded.

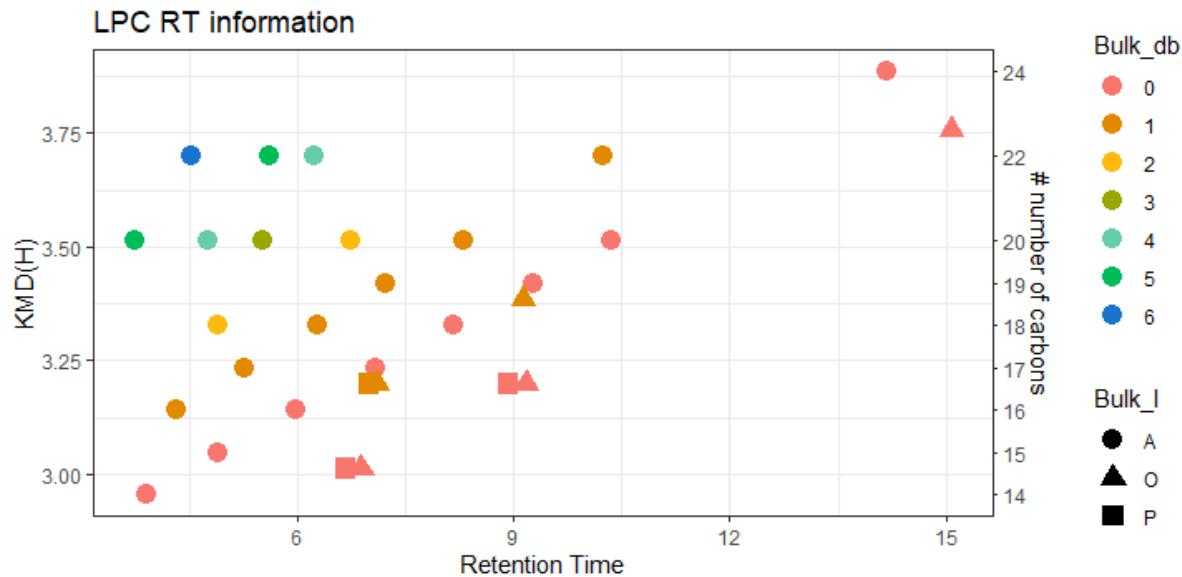


Figure 1.4. KMD(H), LPC carbohydrate chain carbon number vs RT plot for all identified LPC species. Symbols color represents the number of double bounds in carbohydrate chains. Circles – acyl LPC (A-LPC), triangles – alkyl LPC (O-LPC), and square – alkenyl ether LPC (P-LPC).

2. Lysophosphatidylethanolamines (LPE)

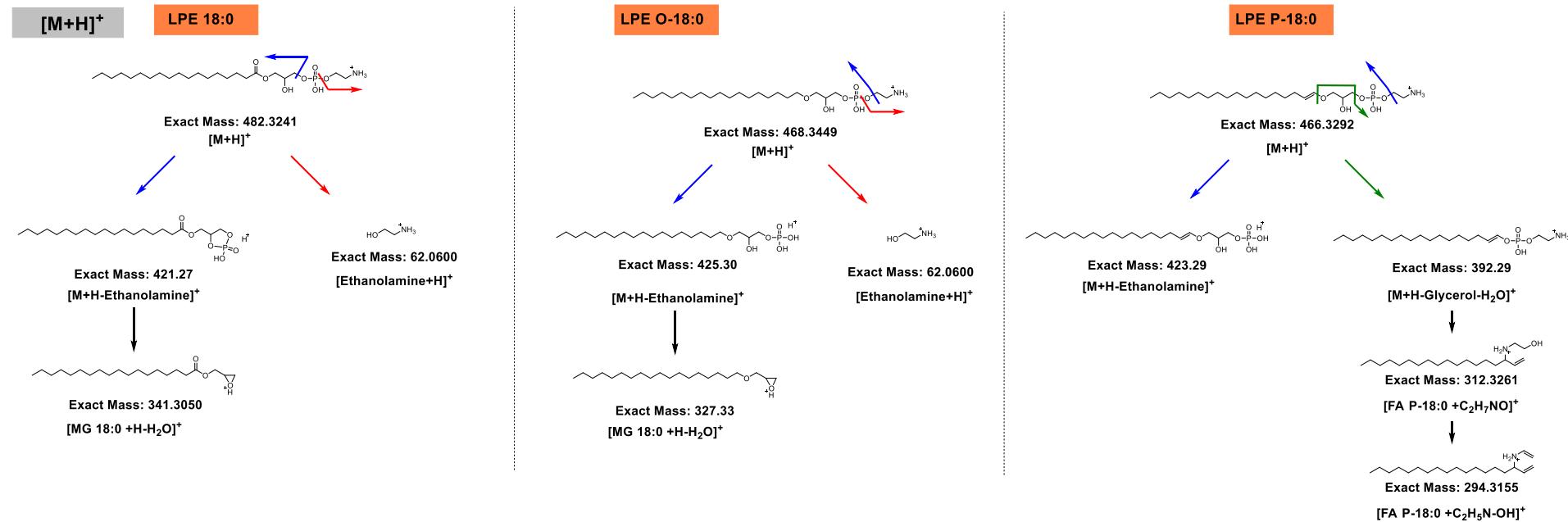
Manual confirmation of identities for A-LPE, O-LPE and P-LPE (A- vs O- vs P-LPE) lipid molecular species was based on specific fragment ions, their ratio and retention time mapping.

2.1. Monitored adducts

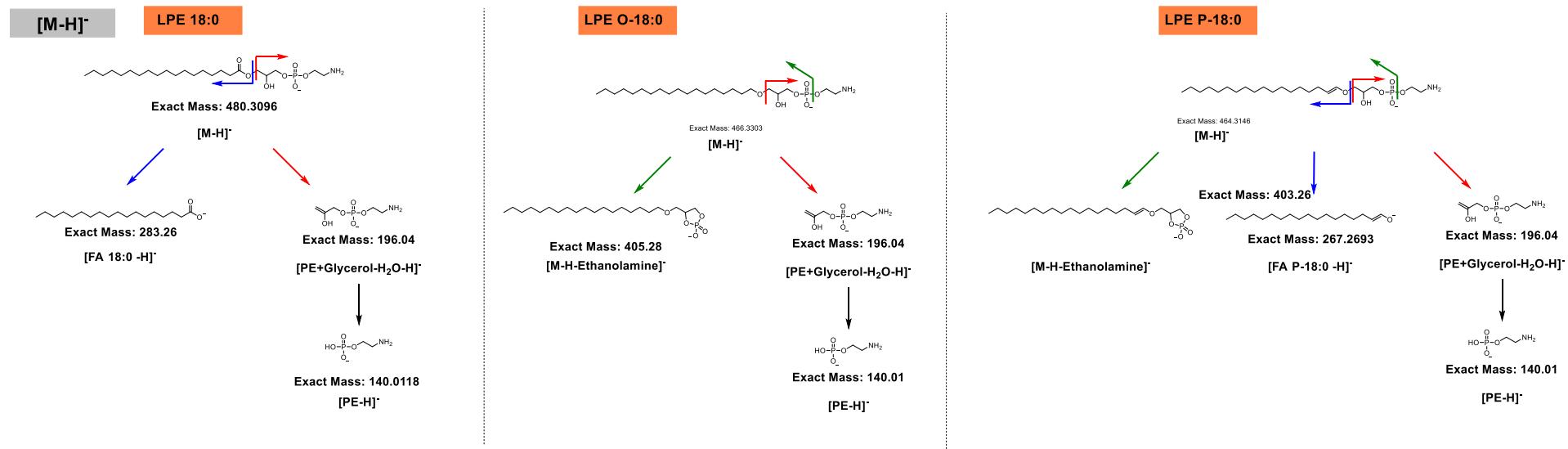
LPE were monitored as protonated or deprotonated ions in positive and negative ion modes, respectively.

2.2. Fragmentation patterns

General fragmentation pattern and representative MS/MS spectra for LPE ionized in positive and negative modes are illustrated below:



Scheme 2.1. General HCD fragmentation pattern of protonated acyl, alkyl and alkenyl linked LPE [M+H]⁺ precursor ion.



Scheme 2.2. General HCD fragmentation pattern of deprotonated acyl, alkyl and alkenyl linked LPE $[M-H]^-$ precursor ion.

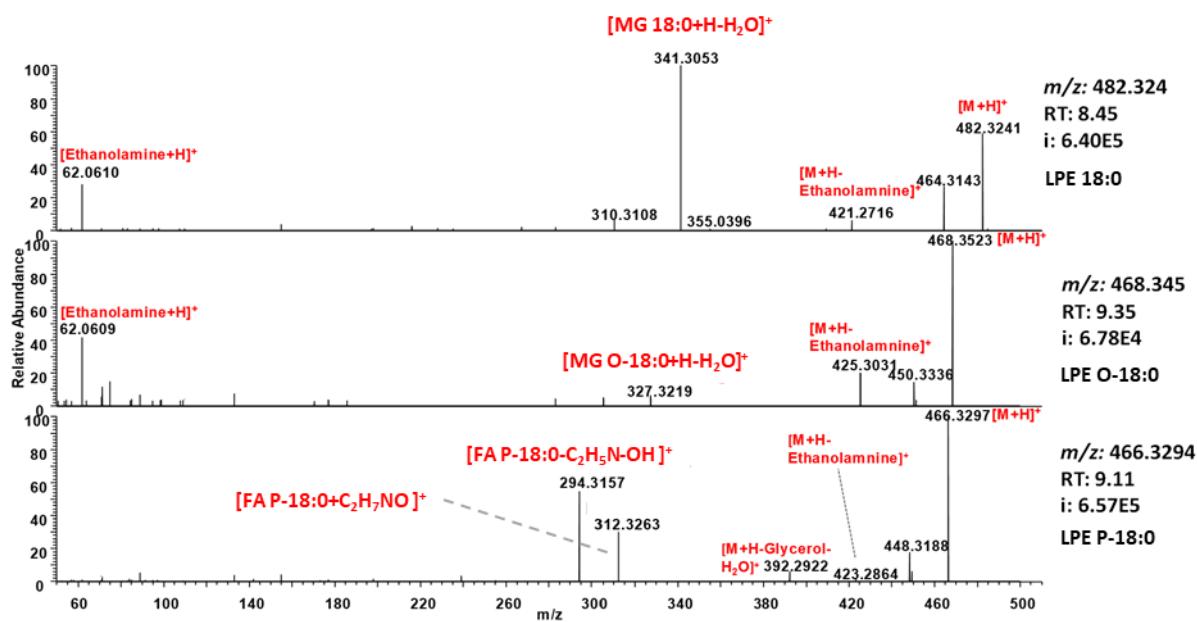


Figure 2.1. Representative HCD spectra of protonated LPE 18:0 (top), LPE O-18:0 (middle), and LPE P-18:0 (bottom).

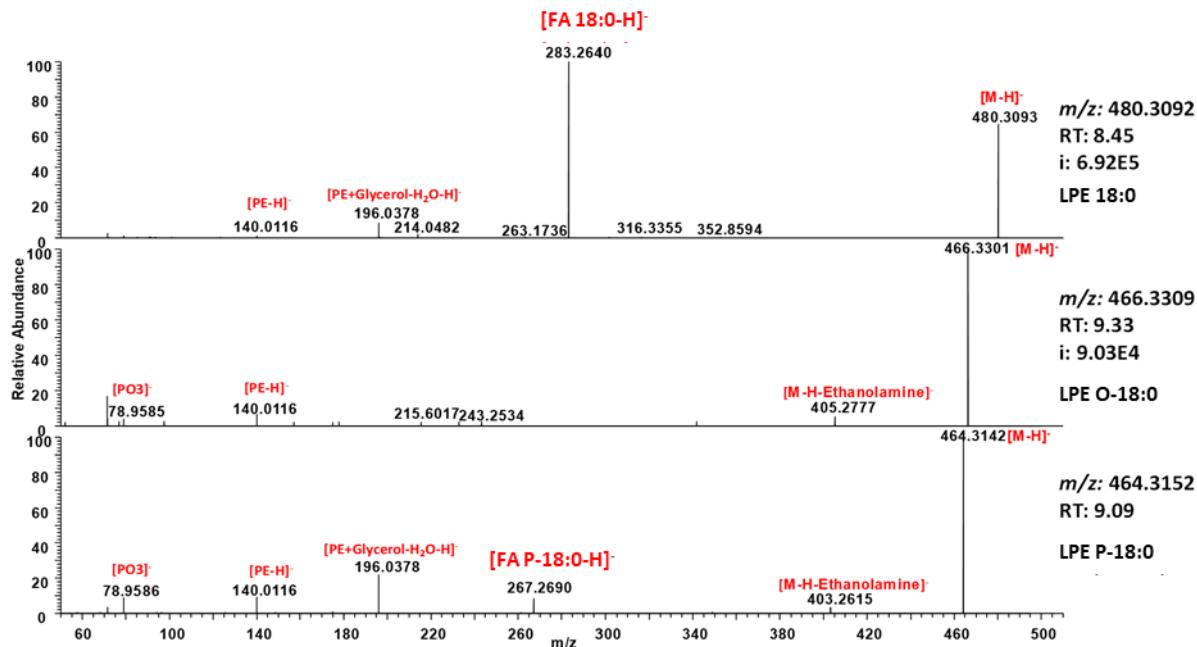


Figure 2.2. Representative HCD spectra of deprotonated LPE 18:0 (top), LPE O-18:0 (middle), and LPE P-18:0 (bottom).

Table 2.1. Summary of LPE specific neutral loss and fragment ions obtained by positive and negative ion modes HCD.

NL/fragment ion	A-LPE	O-LPE	P-LPE
Positive ion mode HCD			
NL: -water (-18)	+	+	+
NL: -43 (ethanolamine)		+	+
NL: -61 (ethanolamine + water)	+		
NL: -141 (phosphoethanolamine)	+	+	
NL: -74 (dehydroglycerol)			+
NL: -154(dehydroglycerol phosphate)			+
NL: -172 (dehydroglycerol phosphate+water)	+		+
FI: 62 (ethanolamine + water)	+	+	
Negative ion mode HCD			
NL: -61 (ethanolamine + water)		+	+
FI: fatty acyl anion	+		
FI: alkenyl anion			+
FI: 196 (dehydroglycerol phosphoethanolamine)	+		+
FI: 140 (phosphoethanolamine)	+		+
FI: 79.9 (metaphosphoric acid)		+	+

Positive ion mode HCD:

- NL of 141 (phosphoethanolamine) observed only for A- and O-LPE
- Consecutive NLs of -74 (dehydroglycerol), -154 (dehydroglycerol phosphate)172 (dehydroglycerol phosphate+water) are characteristic for P-LPE
- NL of -172 (dehydroglycerol phosphate+water) can be also detected for A-LPE (low intensity)

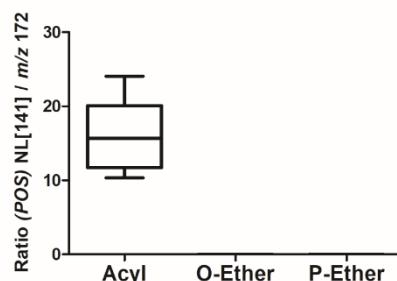


Figure 2.3. Fragment ions intensities ratio for NL[141]/172 in the positive ion mode calculated using 16 LPC lipids identified in the study.

Negative ion mode HCD:

- Fatty acyl anion is characteristic only for A-LPE
- Alkenyl anion is characteristic only for P-LPE

- The ratio of head group derived fragments intensities (196 to 140) can be used to differentiate between different LPE subclasses as illustrated at Figure 2.4.

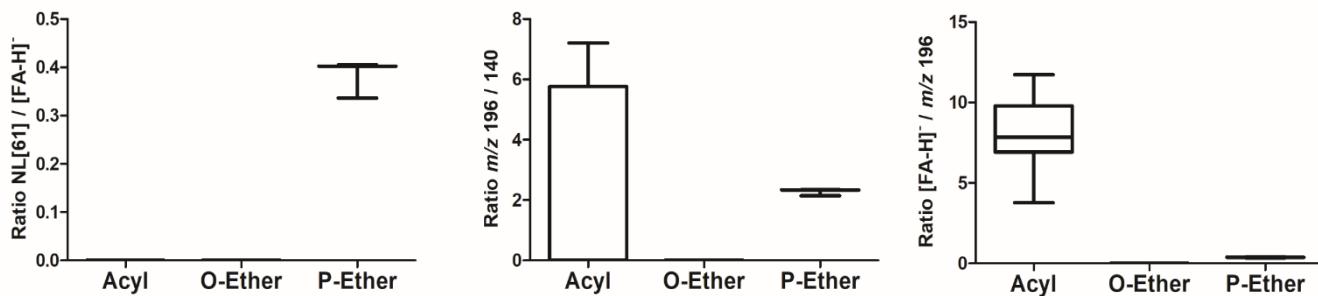


Figure 2.4. Ratio of fragment ions intensities (196 to 140) formed by negative ion mode HCD calculated using 12 LPE lipids identified in the study.

Observed fragmentation pattern and fragment ions intensities ratio are in agreement with previously published tandem MS studies of A-, O- and P-LPEs.

2.3. RT mapping

To establish retention time rules, molecular LPE species with single proposed structure (no possible isomers between A-LPE, O- and P-LPEs) were used. Here four lipid species representing A-LPE and O-LPE without double bounds in carbohydrate chains (marked in green in Table 1.2) were used as “RT anchors” which allowed to establish that Δ RT between A- and O-LPC pairs carrying the same carbohydrate chains correspond to 0.9-1.0 min.

For possible isomeric LPC with two proposed molecular species (e.g. LPE P-16:0 vs LPE O-16:1), Δ RT to corresponding A-LPC (e.g. LPC 16:0) was calculated, and if Δ RT was above 1.0 min or had a negative value, that ID was considered as a false positive (red values in the Table 1.2). Thus, Δ RT between A- and O-LPC and A- and P-LPC with the same carbon number were identified as 0.9-1.0 and 0.7-0.8 min, respectively.

Table 2.2. Calculated RT differences between A-, O- and P-LPC lipids used to identify true and false positive IDs.

Bulk	[M+H] ⁺	RT_C18	O-A	P-A	O-P
LPE 16:0	454.2928	6.11			
LPE O-16:0	440.3135	7.04	0.93		0.16
LPE P-16:0	438.2979	6.88		0.77	
LPE O-16:1		6.88			
LPE 18:0	482.3241	8.36			
LPE O-18:0	468.3448	9.34	0.98		0.17
LPE P-18:0	466.3292	9.17		0.81	
LPE O-18:1		9.17	2.72		
LPE 18:1	480.3084	6.45			
LPE P-18:1	464.3135	7.15		0.7	
LPE O-18:2		7.15	2.16		
LPE 18:2	478.2928	4.99			

Finally, structure – RT relationships for all identified LPE species were visualized by plotting Kendrick mass defect by hydrogen (KMD(H)) vs RT plot to control identification accuracy (Figure 2.5). All

species falling out of the diagonal (different carbon number but the same DBE) and horizontal (same carbon number but different DBE) trend lines were excluded.

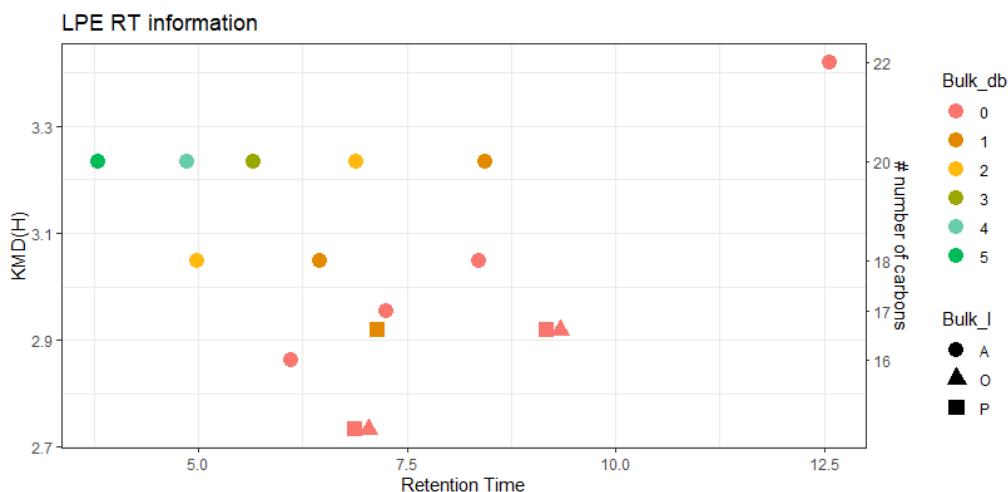


Figure 2.5. KMD(H), LPE carbohydrate chain carbon number vs RT plot for all identified LPE species. Symbols color represent the number of double bounds in carbohydrate chains. Circles – acyl LPE (A-LPE), triangles – alkyl LPE (O-LPE), and square – alkenyl ether LPE (P-LPE).

3. Manual annotation of phosphatidylcholine (PC) lipids

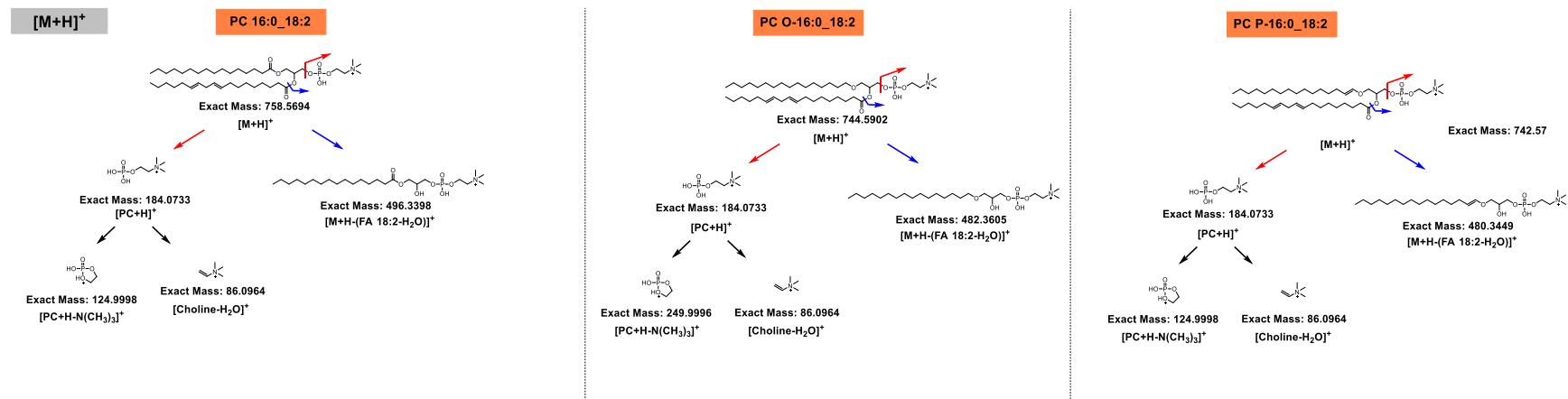
Manual confirmation to assure accurate identification of PC subclasses (A- vs O- vs P-PC) based on specific fragment ions, their ratio and retention time mapping.

3.1. Monitored adducts

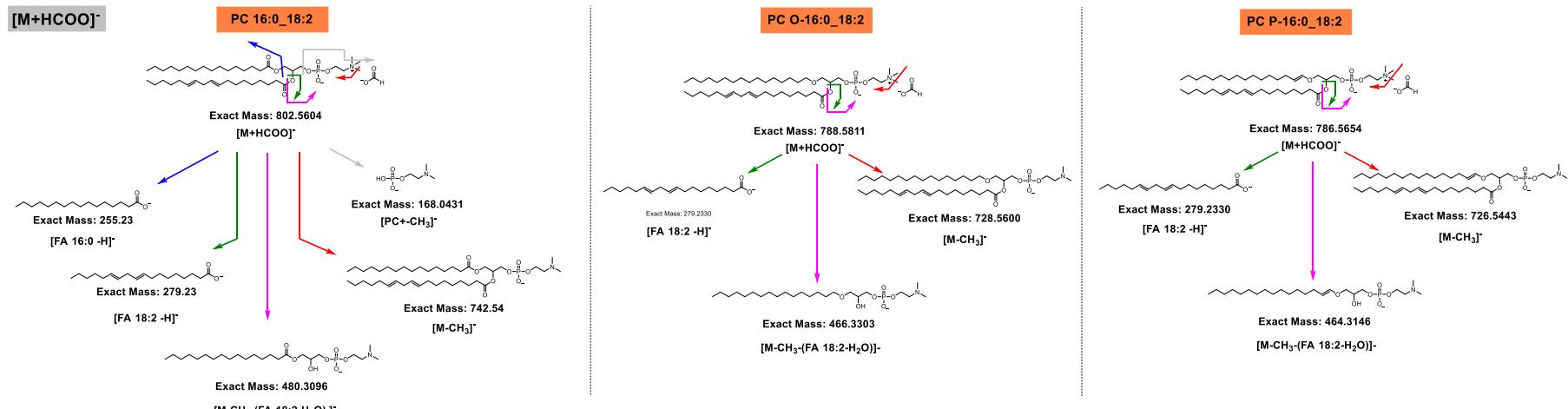
PC were monitored as protonated or formic acid adducts in positive and negative ion modes, respectively. $[M-CH_3]^+$ ions, usually formed as the result of in source fragmentation (ISF) by the collisional decomposition of anionic formic acid adducts with the loss of neutral methyl formic acid at the intermediate region of the instrument between the atmospheric pressure of the ESI source and the vacuum parts of the analyzer, were below 1% relative to the formic acid adducts even for the most abundant LPC lipids and thus were not considered for the identification. However, $[M-CH_3]^+$ ions might be more prominent on the QTOF instruments operating with a higher pressure at the front end of the instrument or Orbitrap-based platforms with ion funnel configuration of the transmission devices.

3.2. Fragmentation patterns

General fragmentation pattern and representative MS/MS spectra for PC ionized in positive and negative modes are illustrated below:



Scheme 3.1. General HCD fragmentation pattern of protonated PC $[M+H]^+$.



Scheme 3.2. General HCD fragmentation pattern of PC formate adduct $[M+HCOO]^-$.

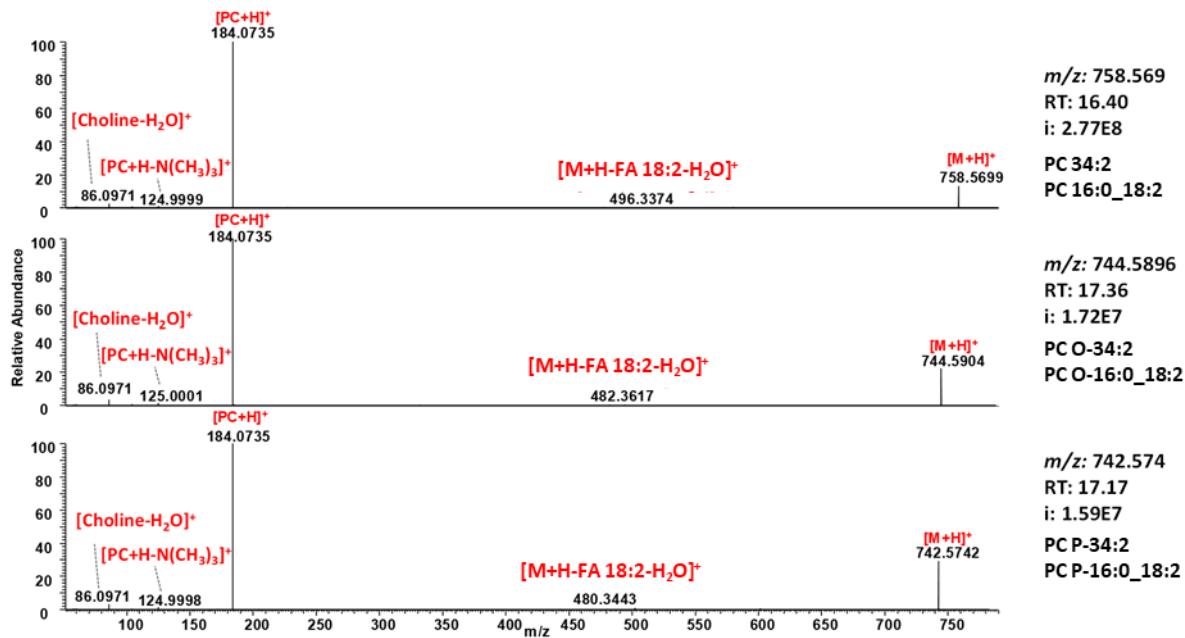


Figure 3.1. Representative HCD spectra of protonated PC 16:0_18:2 (top), PC O-16:0_18:2 (middle), and PC P-16:0_18:2 (bottom).

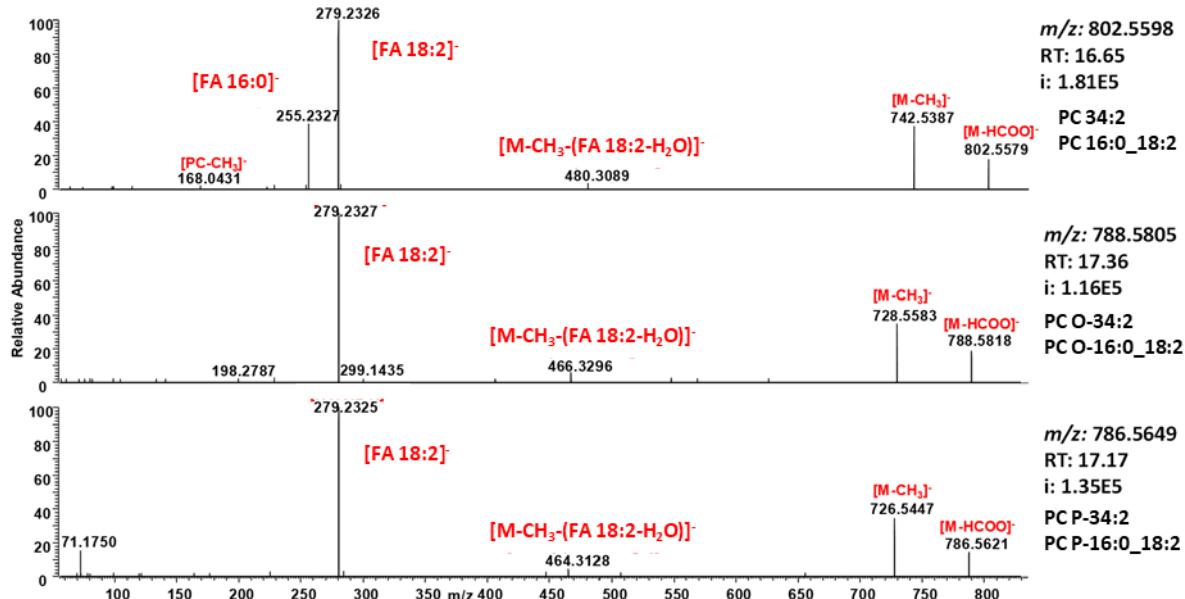


Figure 3.2. Representative HCD spectra of format adducts of PC 16:0_18:2 (top), PC O-16:0_18:2 (middle), and PC P-16:0_18:2 (bottom).

Table 3.1. Summary of PC specific neutral loss and fragment ions obtained by positive and negative ion modes HCD.

NL/fragment ion	A-PC	O-PC	P-PC
Positive ion mode HCD			
NL: - (fatty acyl + water)	+	+	+
FI: 184 (phosphocholine)	+	+	+
FI: 125 (phosphocholine - trimethylamine)	+	+	+
FI: 86 (choline – water)	+	+	+
Negative ion mode HCD			
NL: - 60 (methyl format)	+	+	+

NL: - (fatty acyl + water + methyl)	+	+	+
FI: fatty acyl anion 1	+	+	+
FI: fatty acyl anion 2	+		
FI: 224 (dehydroglycerol phosphocholine)	+	+	+
FI: 168 (demethylated phosphocholine)	+	+	+

Positive ion mode HCD:

- All NLs (except second fatty acyl NL for A-PC, if present) and fragment ions were common for A-, O- and P-PC subclasses

Negative ion mode HCD:

- Presence of second fatty acyl anion is characteristic only for A-PC
- Other NL and fragment ions were common for A-, O- and P-PC subclasses

3.3. RT mapping

To establish retention time rules for various PCs, molecular species with single proposed structure (no possible isomers between A-PC, O- and P-PCs) were used in the approach described for LPC and LPE lipids above (Table 3.2). ΔRT between A- and O-PC and A- and P-PC with the same carbon number were determined as 0.9 and 0.7 min, respectively, and were further used to filter out false positive identifications (shown in red).

Table 3.2. Calculated RT differences between A-, O- and P-PC lipids used to identify true and false positive IDs.

Bulk	Discrete	[M+H]+	[M+HCOO]-	RT_C18	O-A	P-A	O-P
PC 30:0	PC 14:0_16:0	706.5381	750.529	16.02			
PC O-30:0	PC O-16:0_14:0	692.5588	736.5497	16.94	0.92		0.27
PC P-30:0	PC P-16:0_14:0	690.5432	734.5341	16.67		0.65	
PC O-30:1	PC O-16:1_14:0				2.15		
PC 30:1	PC 14:0_16:1	704.5224	748.5134	14.52			
PC 31:0	PC 15:0_16:0	720.5537	764.5447	16.75			
PC 31:1	PC 15:0_16:1	718.5381	762.529	15.63			
PC 32:0	PC 16:0_16:0	734.5694	778.5603	17.42			
PC O-32:0	PC O-16:0_16:0	720.5901	764.581	18.35	0.93		0.25
PC P-32:0	PC P-16:0_16:0	718.5745	762.5654	18.1		0.68	
PC O-32:1	PC O-16:1_16:0				2.01		
PC 32:1	PC 16:0_16:1	732.5537	776.5447	16.09			
PC O-32:1	PC O-16:0_16:1	718.5745	762.5654	17	0.91		0.22
PC P-32:1	PC P-16:0_16:1	716.5588	760.5497	16.78		0.69	
PC O-32:2	PC O-16:1_16:1				2.12		
PC P-32:1	PC P-16:1_16:0	716.5588	760.5497	16.78		0.69	
PC 32:2	PC 16:1_16:1	730.5381	774.529	14.66			
PC 34:0	PC 16:0_18:0	762.6007	806.5916	18.79			
PC O-34:0	PC O-18:0_16:0	748.6214	792.6123	19.68	0.89		
PC 34:1	PC 16:0_18:1	760.585	804.576	17.46			
PC O-34:1	PC O-16:0_18:1	746.6058	790.5967	18.33	0.87		0.22

PC P-34:1	PC P-18:1_16:0	746.6058	790.5967	18.33		-0.46	
PC O-34:1	PC O-18:1_16:0				0.87		0.22
PC P-34:1	PC P-16:0_18:1	744.5901	788.581	18.11		0.65	
PC O-34:2	PC O-16:1_18:1				1.97		
PC P-34:1	PC P-16:1_18:0	744.5901	788.581	18.11		0.65	
PC O-34:2	PC O-16:2_18:0				1.97		
PC P-34:1	PC P-18:0_16:1	744.5901	788.581	18.11		0.65	
PC O-34:2	PC O-18:1_16:1				1.97		
PC P-34:1	PC P-18:1_16:0	744.5901	788.581	18.11		0.65	
PC O-34:2	PC O-18:2_16:0				1.74		
PC 34:2	PC 16:1_18:1	758.5694	802.5603	16.14			
PC 34:2	PC 16:0_18:2	758.5694	802.5603	16.37			
PC O-34:2	PC O-16:0_18:2	744.5901	788.581	17.31	0.94		0.27
PC P-34:2	PC P-16:0_18:2	742.5745	786.5654	17.04		0.67	
PC O-34:3	PC O-16:1_18:2				2.04		
PC 34:3	PC 16:0_18:3	756.5537	800.5447	15.45			
PC 34:3	PC 16:1_18:2	756.5537	800.5447	15			
PC P-34:3	PC P-16:0_18:3	740.5588	784.5497	16.09		0.64	
PC O-34:4	PC O-16:1_18:3				1.46		
PC P-34:3	PC P-16:1_18:2	740.5588	784.5497	15.68		0.68	
PC 34:4	PC 14:0_20:4	754.5381	798.529	14.63			
PC 35:2	PC 17:0_18:2	772.585	816.576	17.16			
PC P-35:2	PC P-17:0_18:2	756.5901	800.581	17.74		0.58	
PC 36:1	PC 18:0_18:1	788.6163	832.6073	18.79			
PC O-36:1	PC O-18:0_18:1	774.6371	818.628	19.64	0.85		0.22
PC P-36:1	PC P-18:0_18:1	772.6214	816.6123	19.42		0.63	
PC O-36:2	PC O-18:1_18:1				1.95		
PC 36:2	PC 16:0_20:2	786.6007	830.5916	17.47			
PC P-36:2	PC P-16:0_20:2	770.6058	814.5967	18.11		0.64	
PC O-36:3	PC O-16:1_20:2				1.36		
PC 36:2	PC 18:0_18:2	786.6007	830.5916	17.81			
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PC O-36:3	PC O-18:1_18:2				2		
PC 36:2	PC 18:1_18:1	786.6007	830.5916	17.47			
PC P-36:1	PC P-18:0_18:1	772.6214	816.6123	18.26		-0.53	
PC O-36:2	PC O-18:1_18:1				0.79		0.15
PC P-36:2	PC P-18:1_18:1	770.6058	814.5967	18.11		0.64	
PC O-36:3	PC O-18:2_18:1				1.69		
PC 36:3	PC 16:0_20:3	784.585	828.576	16.75			
PC O-36:3	PC O-16:0_20:3	770.6058	814.5967	17.63	0.88		0.25
PC P-36:3	PC P-16:0_20:3	768.5901	812.581	17.38		0.63	
PC O-36:4	PC O-16:1_20:3				2.07		
PC 36:3	PC 18:1_18:2	784.585	828.576	16.42			

PC P-36:2	PC P-18:0_18:2	770.6058	814.5967	17.24		-0.57
PC O-36:3	PC O-18:1_18:2				0.82	0.18
PC P-36:3	PC P-18:1_18:2	768.5901	812.581	17.06		0.64
PC O-36:4	PC O-18:2_18:2				1.6	
PC 36:4	PC 16:0_20:4	782.5694	826.5603	16.17		
PC O-36:4	PC O-16:0_20:4	768.5901	812.581	17.06	0.89	0.27
PC P-36:4	PC P-16:0_20:4	766.5745	810.5654	16.79		0.62
PC O-36:5	PC O-16:1_20:4				2.01	
PC 36:4	PC 18:1_18:3	782.5694	826.5603	15.46		
PC P-36:4	PC P-18:1_18:3	766.5745	810.5654	16.13		0.67
PC O-36:5	PC O-18:2_18:3				1.35	
PC 36:4	PC 18:2_18:2	782.5694	826.5603	15.46		
PC 36:4	PC 16:1_20:3	782.5694	826.5603	15.31		
PC 36:5	PC 16:0_20:5	780.5537	824.5447	15.26		
PC O-36:5	PC O-16:0_20:5	766.5745	810.5654	16.12	0.86	0.25
PC P-36:5	PC P-16:0_20:5	764.5588	808.5497	15.87		0.61
PC O-36:6	PC O-16:1_20:5					
PC 36:5	PC 16:1_20:4	780.5537	824.5447	14.78		
PC P-36:5	PC P-16:1_20:4	764.5588	808.5497	15.41		0.63
PC 37:4	PC 17:0_20:4	796.585	840.576	16.92		
PC O-37:4	PC O-17:0_20:4	782.605	826.5967	17.73	0.81	
PC 38:3	PC 18:0_20:3	812.6163	856.6073	18.15		
PC O-38:3	PC O-18:0_20:3	798.6371	842.628	18.96	0.81	
PC P-38:3	PC P-18:0_20:3	796.6214	840.6123	18.71		0.56
PC O-38:4	PC O-18:1_20:3				1.92	
PC 38:4	PC 16:0_22:4	810.6007	854.5916	17.16		
PC P-38:4	PC P-16:0_22:4	794.6058	838.5967	17.74		0.58
PC O-38:5	PC O-16:1_22:4				1.28	
PC 38:4	PC 18:0_20:4	810.6007	854.5916	17.6		
PC O-38:4	PC O-18:0_20:4	796.6214	840.6123	18.42	0.82	0.23
PC P-38:4	PC P-18:0_20:4	794.6058	838.5967	18.19		0.59
PC O-38:5	PC O-18:1_20:4				1.97	
PC 38:4	PC 18:1_20:3	810.6007	854.5916	16.79		
PC P-38:3	PC P-18:0_20:3	796.6214	840.6123	17.56		-0.59
PC O-38:4	PC O-18:1_20:3				0.77	
PC 38:5	PC 16:0_22:5	808.585	852.576	16.46		
PC P-38:5	PC P-16:0_22:5	792.5901	836.581	17.1		0.64
PC O-38:6	PC O-16:1_22:5				1.3	
PC 38:5	PC 18:1_20:4	808.585	852.576	16.22		
PC P-38:4	PC P-18:0_20:4	794.6058	838.5967	17		-0.6
PC O-38:5	PC O-18:1_20:4				0.78	
PC P-38:5	PC P-18:1_20:4	792.5901	836.581	16.83		0.61
PC O-38:6	PC O-18:2_20:4				1.76	
PC 38:5	PC 18:0_20:5	808.585	852.576	16.71		

PC P-38:5	PC P-18:0_20:5	792.5901	836.581	17.3		0.59
PC O-38:6	PC O-18:1_20:5				2.02	
PC 38:6	PC 16:0_22:6	806.5694	850.5603	15.8		
PC O-38:6	PC O-16:0_22:6	792.5901	836.581	16.83	1.03	0.43
PC P-38:6	PC P-16:0_22:6	790.5745	834.5654	16.4		0.6
PC O-38:7	PC O-16:1_22:6					
PC 38:6	PC 18:1_20:5	806.5694	850.5603	15.28		
PC P-38:6	PC P-18:1_20:5	790.5745	834.5654	15.89		0.61
PC O-38:7	PC O-18:2_20:5					
PC 38:6	PC 18:2_20:4	806.5694	850.5603	15.07		
PC P-38:6	PC P-18:2_20:4	790.5745	834.5654	15.7		0.63
PC O-38:7	PC O-18:3_20:4					

Finally, structure – RT relationships for all identified LPE species were visualized by plotting Kendrick mass defect by hydrogen (KMD(H)) vs RT plot to control identification accuracy (Figure 3.3 and 3.4). All species falling out of the diagonal (different carbon number but the same DBE) and horizontal (same carbon number but different DBE) trend lines were excluded. To simplify the visualization, A-PC were plotted separately from O/P-linked PC lipids.

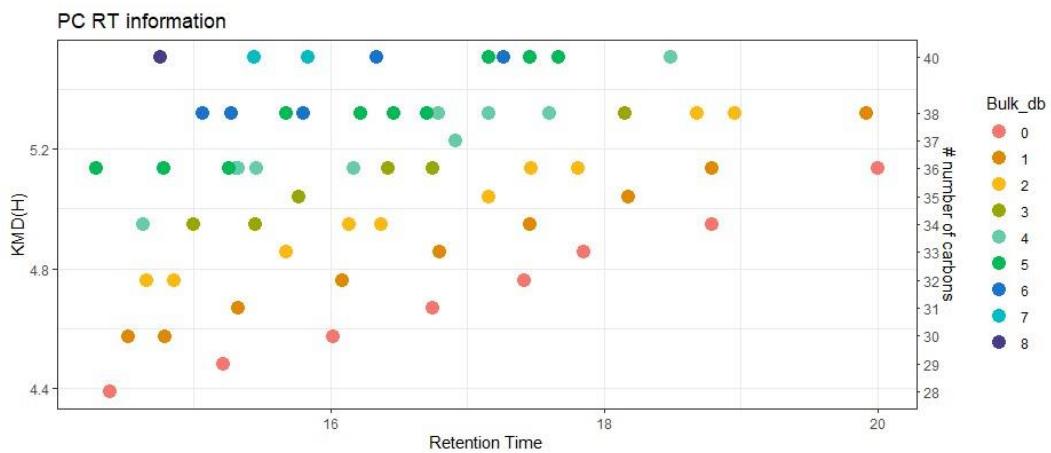


Figure 3.3. KMD(H), A-PC carbohydrate chain carbon number vs RT plot for all identified A-PC species. Symbols color represents the number of double bounds in carbohydrate chains.

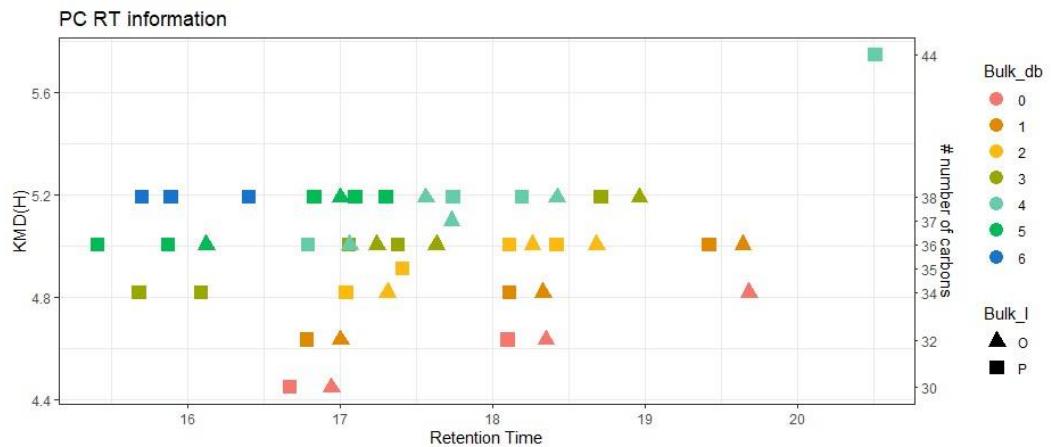


Figure 3.4. KMD(H), PC carbohydrate chain carbon number vs RT plot for all identified O-/P-PC species. Symbols color represents the number of double bounds in carbohydrate chains. Triangles – alkyl PC (O-LPC), and square – alkenyl ether PC (P-LPC).

4. Manual annotation of phosphatidylethanolamine (PE) lipids

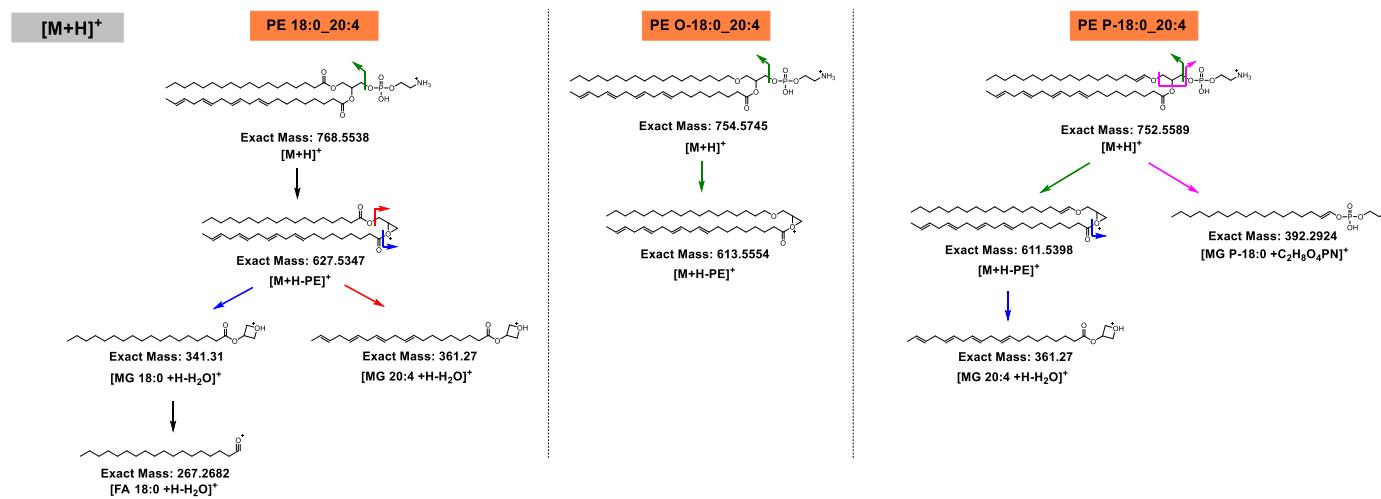
Manual confirmation to assure accurate identification of PE subclasses (A- vs O- vs P-PE) was based on specific fragment ions, their ratio and retention time mapping.

4.1. Monitored adducts

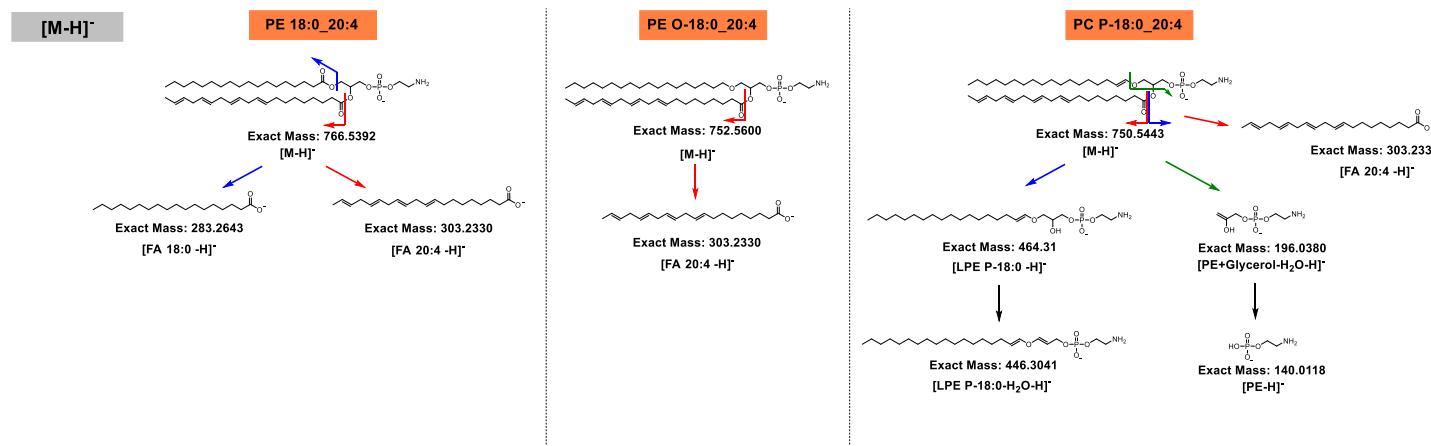
PE were monitored as protonated or deprotonated ions in positive and negative ion modes, respectively.

4.2. Fragmentation patterns

General fragmentation pattern and representative MS/MS spectra for PE ionized in positive and negative modes are illustrated below:



Scheme 4.1. General HCD fragmentation pattern of protonated acyl-, alkyl and alkenyl-chain PE [M+H]⁺.



Scheme 4.2. General HCD fragmentation pattern of deprotonated acyl-, alkyl and alkenyl-chain PE [M-H]⁻.

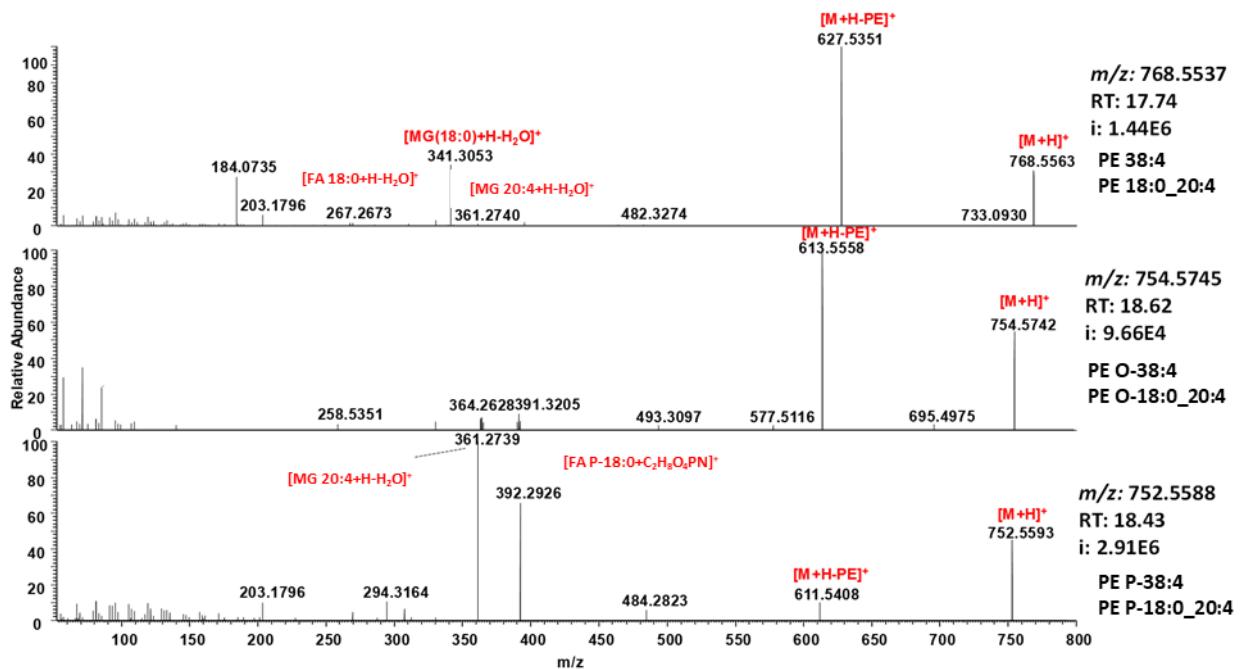


Figure 4.1. Representative HCD spectra of protonated adduct $[M+H]^+$ of PE 18:0_20:4 (top), PE O-18:0_20:4 (middle) and PE P-18:0_20:4 (bottom).

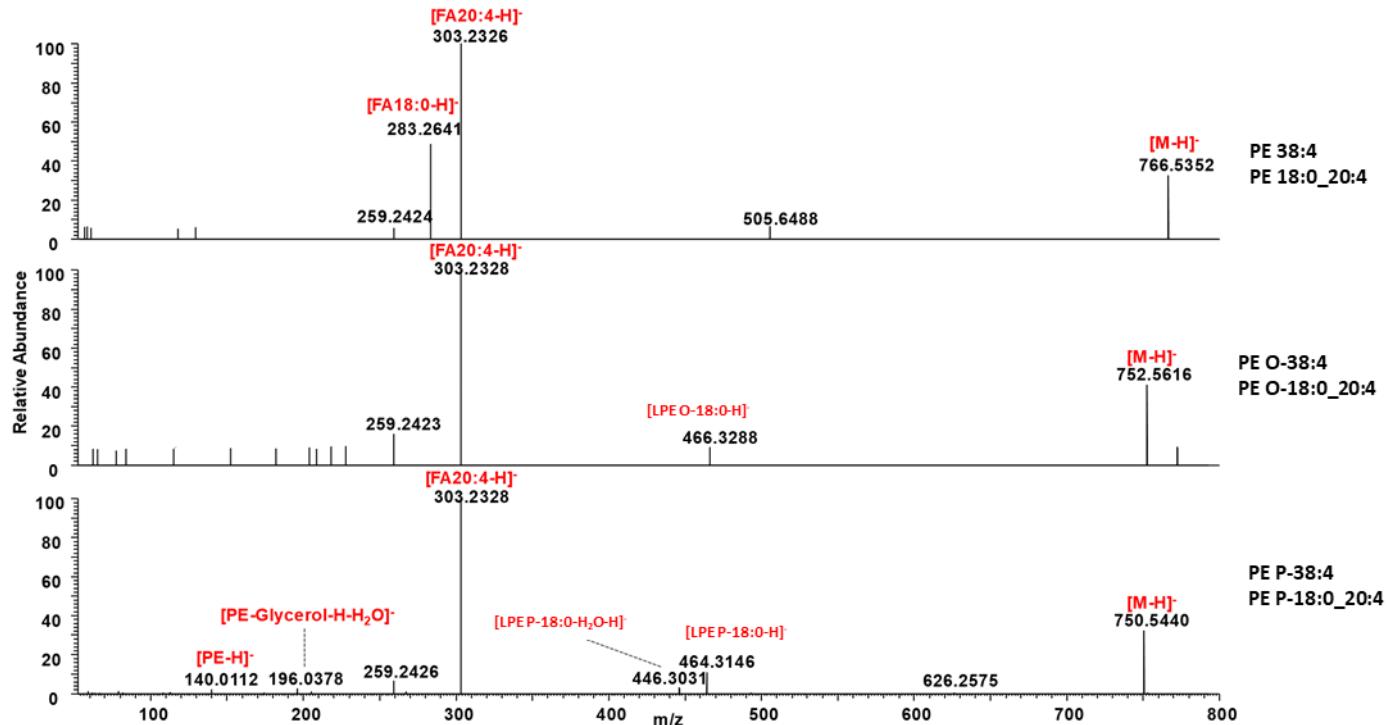


Figure 4.2. Representative HCD spectra of deprotonated adducts $[M-H]^-$ of PE 18:0_20:4 (top), PE O-18:0_20:4 (middle) and PE P-18:0_20:4 (bottom).

Table 4.1. Summary of PE specific neutral loss and fragment ions obtained by positive and negative ion modes HCD.

NL/fragment ion	A-PE	O-PE	P-PE
Positive ion mode HCD			
NL: -141 (phosphoethanolamine)	+	+	+
FI: acyl chain 1 specific	+		+
FI: acyl chain 2 specific	+		
FI: alkenyl chain specific			+
Negative ion mode HCD			
FI: O-/P-LPE		+	+
FI: fatty acyl 1 anion	+	+	+
FI: fatty acyl 2 anion	+		
FI: 196 (dehydroglycerol phosphatidylethanolamine)	+	+	+
FI: 140 (phosphatidylethanolamine)	+	+	+

Positive ion mode HCD:

- NL of 141 (phosphoethanolamine) observed only for A- and P-PE
- High ratio of MAG[FA1-H₂O]⁺ and MAG[FA2-H₂O]⁺ to NL [141] is highly diagnostic for P-PE

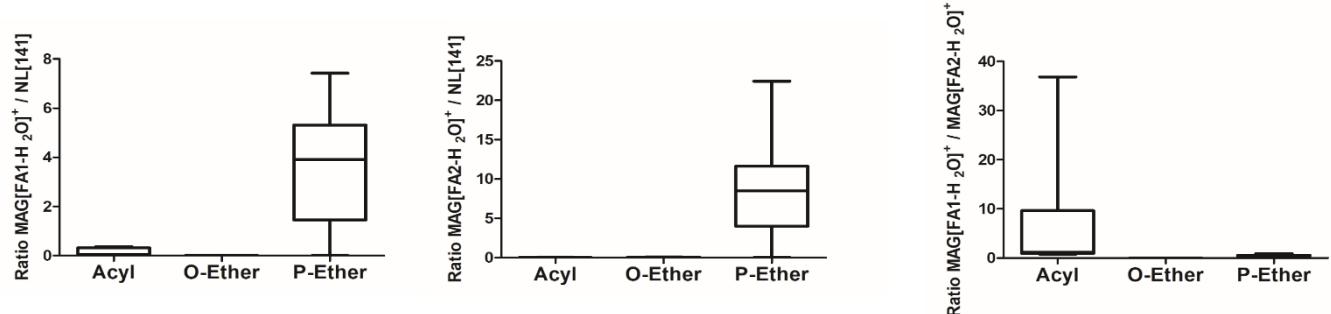


Figure 4.3. Ratio of fragment ions intensities formed by positive ion mode HCD calculated using PE lipids identified in the study.

Observed fragmentation pattern and fragment ions intensities ratio are in agreement with previously published tandem MS studies of A-, O- and P-PEs.

4.3. RT mapping

To establish retention time rules for various PEs, molecular species with single proposed structure (no possible isomers between A-PE, O- and P-PEs) were used in the approach described for PC and PE lipids above (Table 4.2). ΔRT between A- and O-PE and A- and P-PE with the same carbon number were determined as 0.9 and 0.7 min, respectively, and were further used to filter out false positive identifications (shown in red).

Table 4.2. Calculated RT differences between A-, O- and P-PE lipids used to identify true and false positive IDs.

Bulk	Discrete	[M+H] ⁺	[M-H] ⁻	RT_Leipzig	O-A	P-A	O-P
PE 32:0	PE 16:0_16:0	692.5224	690.5079	17.65			
PE P-32:0	PE P-16:0_16:0	676.5275	674.513	18.33		0.68	

PE O-32:1	PE O-16:1_16:0				1.99		
PE 32:1	PE 16:0_16:1	690.5068	688.4922	16.34			
PE P-32:1	PE P-16:0_16:1	674.5119	672.4973	17.04		0.7	
PE O-32:1	PE O-16:1_16:1				2.14		
PE 32:2	PE 16:1_16:1	688.4911	686.4766	14.9			
PE P-33:1	PE P-15:0_18:1	688.5275	686.513	17.7			
PE P-33:1	PE P-16:0_17:1	688.5275	686.513	17.7			
PE P-33:1	PE P-17:0_16:1	688.5275	686.513	17.7			
PE P-33:2	PE P-15:0_18:2	686.5119	684.4973	16.56			
PE 34:0	PE 16:0_18:0	720.5537	718.5392	18.95			
PE P-34:0	PE P-16:0_18:0	704.5588	702.5443	19.54		0.59	
PE O-34:1	PE O-16:1_18:0				1.86		
PE P-34:0	PE P-18:0_16:0	704.5588	702.5443	19.54		0.59	
PE O-34:1	PE O-18:1_16:0				1.86		
PE 34:1	PE 16:0_18:1	718.5381	716.5235	17.68			
PE O-34:1	PE O-16:0_18:1	704.5588	702.5443	18.53	0.85		0.23
PE P-34:1	PE P-16:0_18:1	702.5432	700.5286	18.3		0.62	
PE O-34:2	PE O-16:1_18:1				1.93		
PE P-34:1	PE P-18:1_16:0	702.5432	700.5286	18.3		0.62	
PE O-34:2	PE O-18:2_16:0				1.66		
PE 34:1	PE 16:1_18:0	718.5381	716.5235	17.68			
PE P-34:1	PE P-18:0_16:1	702.5432	700.5286	18.3		0.62	
PE O-34:2	PE O-18:1_16:1				1.93		
PE 34:2	PE 16:0_18:2	716.5224	714.5079	16.64			
PE P-34:2	PE P-16:0_18:2	700.5275	698.513	17.29		0.65	
PE O-34:3	PE O-16:1_18:2				2.04		
PE 34:2	PE 16:1_18:1	716.5224	714.5079	16.37			
PE P-34:2	PE P-18:1_16:1	700.5275	698.513	17.04		0.67	
PE O-34:3	PE O-18:2_16:1				1.79		
PE 34:3	PE 16:0_18:3	714.5068	712.4922	15.68			
PE P-34:3	PE P-16:0_18:3	698.5119	696.4973	16.35		0.67	
PE O-34:4	PE O-16:1_18:3				1.45		
PE 34:3	PE 16:1_18:2	714.5068	712.4922	15.25			
PE P-34:3	PE P-16:1_18:2	698.5119	696.4973	15.94		0.69	
PE 34:4	PE 14:0_20:4	712.4911	710.4766	14.9			
PE P-34:4	PE P-14:0_20:4	696.4962	694.4817	15.55		0.65	
PE 35:1	PE 17:0_18:1	732.5537	730.5392	18.33			
PE P-35:1	PE P-17:0_18:1	716.5588	714.5443	18.95		0.62	
PE P-35:1	PE P-18:1_17:0	716.5588	714.5443	18.68			
PE O-35:2	PE O-18:2_17:0				1.34		
PE P-35:1	PE P-16:0_19:1	716.5588	714.5443	18.95		0.62	
PE O-35:2	PE O-16:1_19:1				1.61		
PE 35:2	PE 17:0_18:2	730.5381	728.5235	17.34			
PE P-35:2	PE P-17:0_18:2	714.5432	712.5286	17.95		0.61	

PE P-35:2	PE P-18:1_17:1	714.5432	712.5286	17.65			
PE O-35:3	PE O-18:2_17:1						
PE 36:1	PE 16:0_20:1	746.5694	744.5548	18.94			
PE P-36:1	PE P-16:0_20:1	730.5745	728.5599	19.39		0.45	
PE O-36:2	PE O-16:1_20:1				1.69		
PE P-36:1	PE P-20:1_16:0	730.5745	728.5599	19.39		1.69	
PE O-36:2	PE O-20:2_16:0						
PE 36:1	PE 18:0_18:1	746.5694	744.5548	18.94			
PE O-36:1	PE O-18:0_18:1	732.5901	730.5756	19.69	0.75		0.16
PE P-36:1	PE P-18:0_18:1	730.5745	728.5599	19.53		0.59	
PE O-36:2	PE O-18:1_18:1				1.83		
PE 36:2	PE 18:0_18:2	744.5537	742.5392	18			
PE P-36:2	PE P-18:0_18:2	728.5588	726.5443	18.6		0.6	
PE O-36:3	PE O-18:1_18:2				1.96		
PE 36:2	PE 18:1_18:1	744.5537	742.5392	17.7			
PE P-36:2	PE P-18:1_18:1	728.5588	726.5443	18.3		0.6	
PE O-36:3	PE O-18:2_18:1				1.66		
PE P-36:2	PE P-16:0_20:2	728.5588	726.5443	18.3			
PE O-36:3	PE O-16:1_20:2				1.34		
PE 36:3	PE 16:0_20:3	742.5381	740.5235	16.96			
PE P-36:3	PE P-16:0_20:3	726.5432	724.5286	17.6		0.64	
PE O-36:4	PE O-16:1_20:3				1.18		
PE 36:3	PE 18:0_18:3	742.5381	740.5235	17.13			
PE P-36:3	PE P-18:0_18:3	726.5432	724.5286	17.77		0.64	
PE O-36:4	PE O-18:1_18:3				2.22		
PE 36:3	PE 18:1_18:2	742.5381	740.5235	16.64			
PE P-36:3	PE P-18:1_18:2	726.5432	724.5286	17.31		0.67	
PE O-36:4	PE O-18:2_18:2				1.76		
PE 36:4	PE 16:0_20:4	740.5224	738.5079	16.42			
PE P-36:4	PE P-16:0_20:4	724.5275	722.513	17.04		0.62	
PE O-36:5	PE O-16:1_20:4				2.04		
PE 36:4	PE 18:2_18:2	740.5224	738.5079	15.55			
PE P-36:4	PE P-18:1_18:3	724.5275	722.5541	16.7		1.7	
PE O-36:5	PE O-18:2_18:3						
PE 36:5	PE 16:0_20:5	738.5068	736.4922	15.52			
PE P-36:5	PE P-16:0_20:5	722.5119	720.4973	16.15		0.63	
PE O-36:6	PE O-16:1_20:5						
PE 36:5	PE 16:1_20:4	738.5068	736.4922	15			
PE P-36:5	PE P-16:1_20:4	722.5119	720.4973	15.68		0.68	
PE P-37:3	PE P-17:0_20:3	740.5588	738.5443	18.26			
PE 37:4	PE 17:0_20:4	754.5381	752.5235	17.13			
PE P-37:4	PE P-17:0_20:4	738.5432	736.5286	17.74		0.61	
PE 37:5	PE 17:1_20:4	752.5224	750.5079	15.81			
PE P-37:5	PE P-17:0_20:5	736.5275	734.513	16.6		0.79	

PE 38:1	PE 18:0_20:1	774.6007	772.5861	19.96			
PE P-38:1	PE P-18:0_20:1	758.6058	756.5912	20.59		0.63	
PE O-38:2	PE O-18:1_20:1				1.79		
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PE O-38:3	PE O-18:2_20:1						
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PE 38:6	PE 18:2_20:4	764.5224	762.5079	15.33			
PE P-38:6	PE P-18:2_20:4	748.5275	746.513	15.96		0.63	
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PE P-39:5	PE P-17:0_22:5	764.5588	762.5443	17.78			
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PE P-40:3	PE P-20:0_20:3	782.6058	780.5912	19.99			
PE 40:4	PE 18:0_22:4	796.585	794.5705	18.64			
PE O-40:4	PE O-18:0_22:4	782.6058	780.5912	19.38	0.74		0.17
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PE O-40:5	PE O-20:1_20:4					1.85	
PE 40:5	PE 18:0_22:5	794.5694	792.5548	17.85			
PE O-40:5	PE O-18:0_22:5	780.5901	778.5756	18.6	0.75		0.2
PE P-40:5	PE P-18:0_22:5	778.5745	776.5599	18.4	0.55		
PE O-40:6	PE O-18:1_22:5					1.87	
PE 40:5	PE 18:1_22:4	794.5694	792.5548	17.35			
PE P-40:5	PE P-18:1_22:4	778.5745	776.5599	17.95	0.6		
PE O-40:6	PE O-18:2_22:4					1.42	
PE 40:5	PE 20:1_20:4	794.5694	792.5548	17.68			
PE P-40:5	PE P-20:1_20:4	778.5745	776.5599	18.25	0.57		
PE O-40:6	PE O-20:2_20:4					1.72	
PE 40:6	PE 18:0_22:6	792.5537	790.5392	17.47			
PE P-40:6	PE P-18:0_22:6	776.558	774.5443	18.02	0.55		
PE O-40:7	PE O-18:1_22:6					1.93	
PE 40:6	PE 18:1_22:5	792.5537	790.5392	16.53			
PE P-40:6	PE P-18:1_22:5	776.558	774.5443	17.11	0.58		
PE O-40:7	PE O-18:2_22:5						
PE 40:7	PE 18:1_22:6	790.5381	788.5235	16.09			
PE P-40:7	PE P-18:1_22:6	774.5432	772.5286	16.71	0.62		
PE O-40:8	PE O-18:2_22:6						

Finally, structure – RT relationships for all identified PE species were visualized by plotting Kendrick mass defect by hydrogen (KMD(H)) vs RT plot to control identification accuracy (Figure 4.3 and 4.4). All species falling out of the diagonal (different carbon number but the same DBE) and horizontal (same carbon number but different DBE) trend lines were excluded. To simplify the visualization, A-PE were plotted separately from O-/P-linked PE lipids.

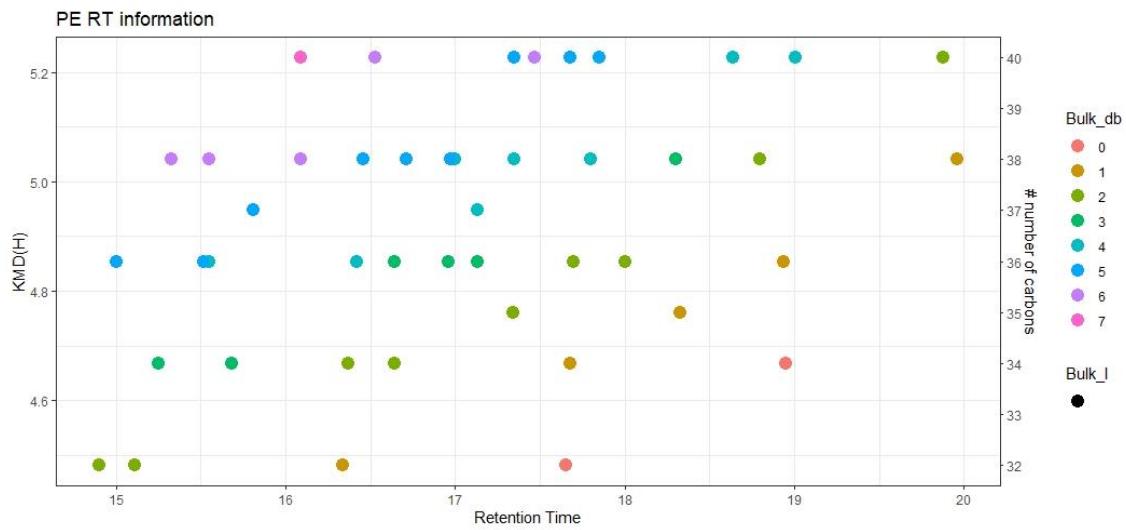


Figure 4.3. KMD(H), A-PE carbohydrate chain carbon number vs RT plot for all identified A-PE species. Symbols color represents the number of double bounds in carbohydrate chains.

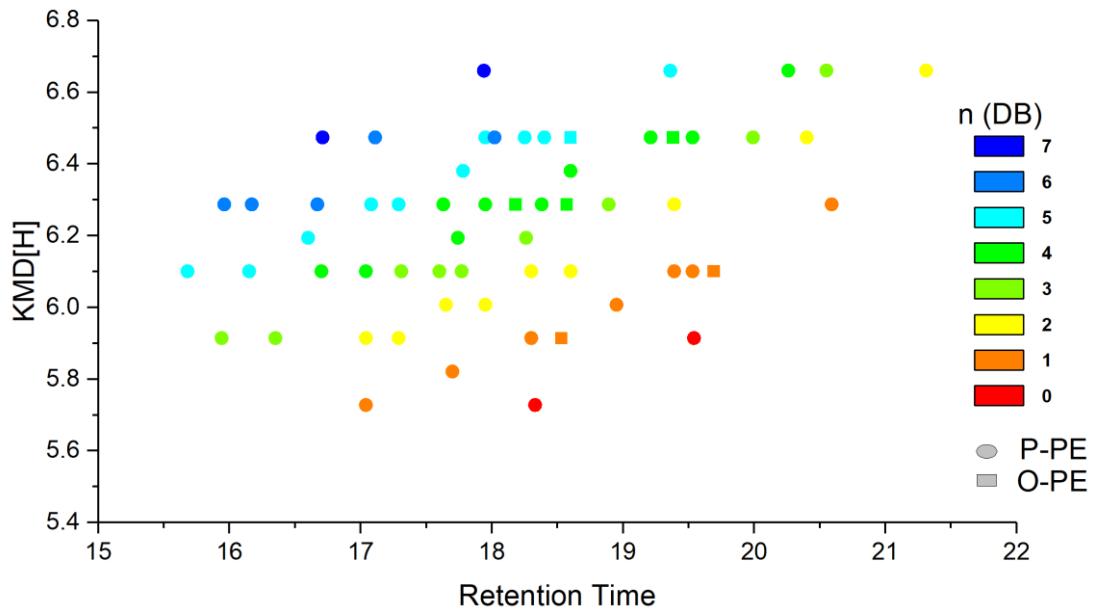


Figure 4.4. KMD(H), PE carbohydrate chain carbon number vs RT plot for all identified O-/P-PE species. Symbols color represents the number of double bounds in carbohydrate chains. Triangles – alkyl LPE (O-PE), and square – alkenyl ether PE (P-LPE).

5. Manual confirmation of identities for PI lipid molecular species.

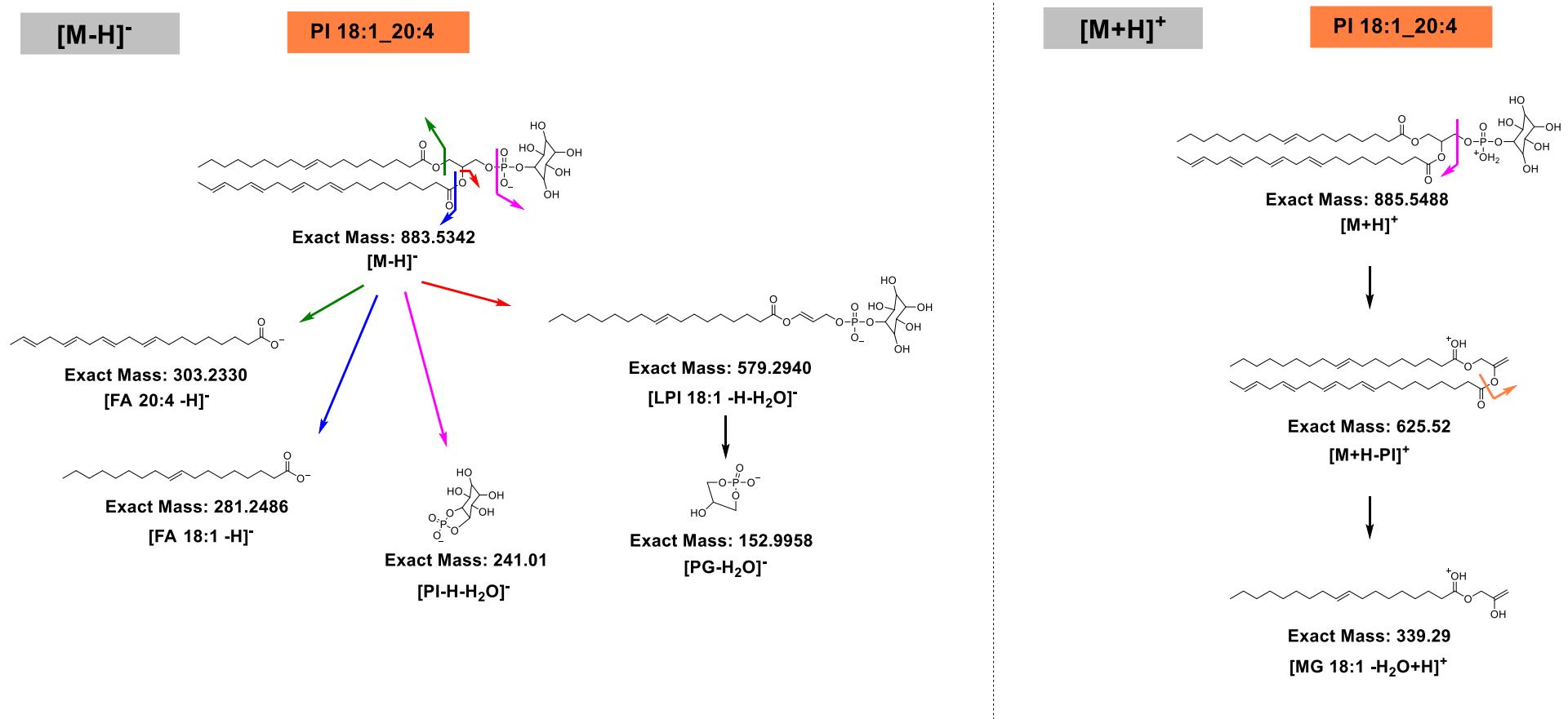
Software assisted identification of PI molecular species required further manual confirmation to assure accurate identification based on specific fragment ions and retention time mapping.

5.1. Monitored adducts

PI were monitored as protonated or deprotonated ions in positive and negative ion modes, respectively.

5.2. Fragmentation patterns

General fragmentation pattern and representative MS/MS spectra for PI ionized in positive and negative modes are illustrated below:



Scheme 5.1. General HCD fragmentation pattern of deprotonated $[M-H]^-$ and protonated $[M+H]^+$ adducts of PI.

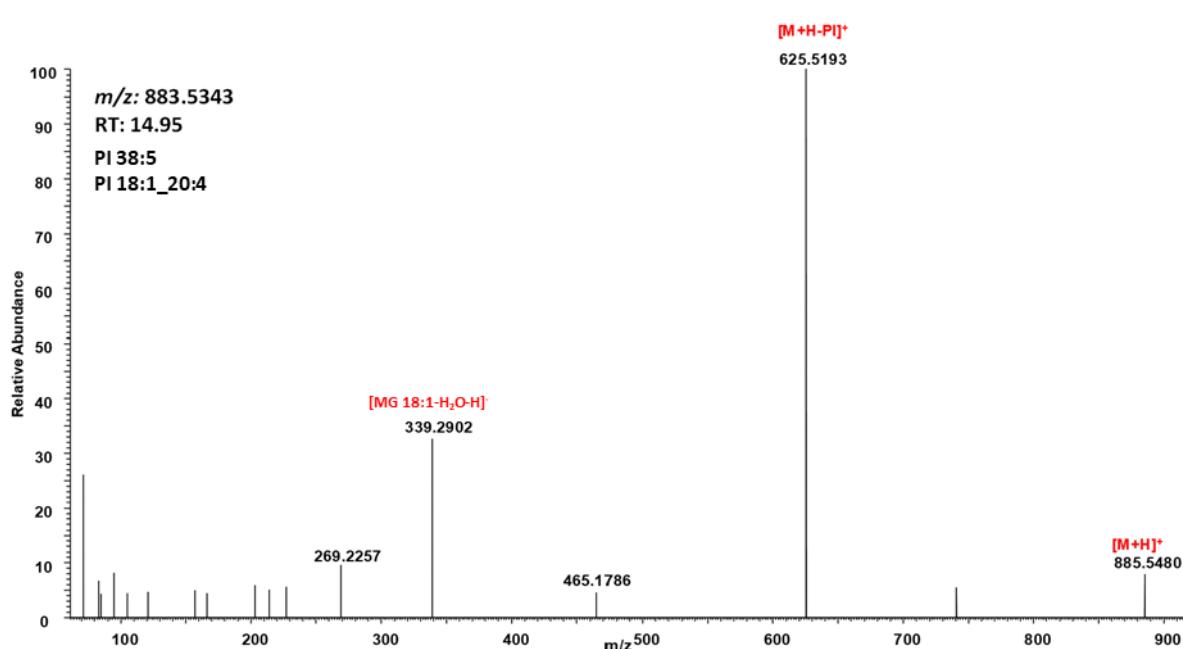
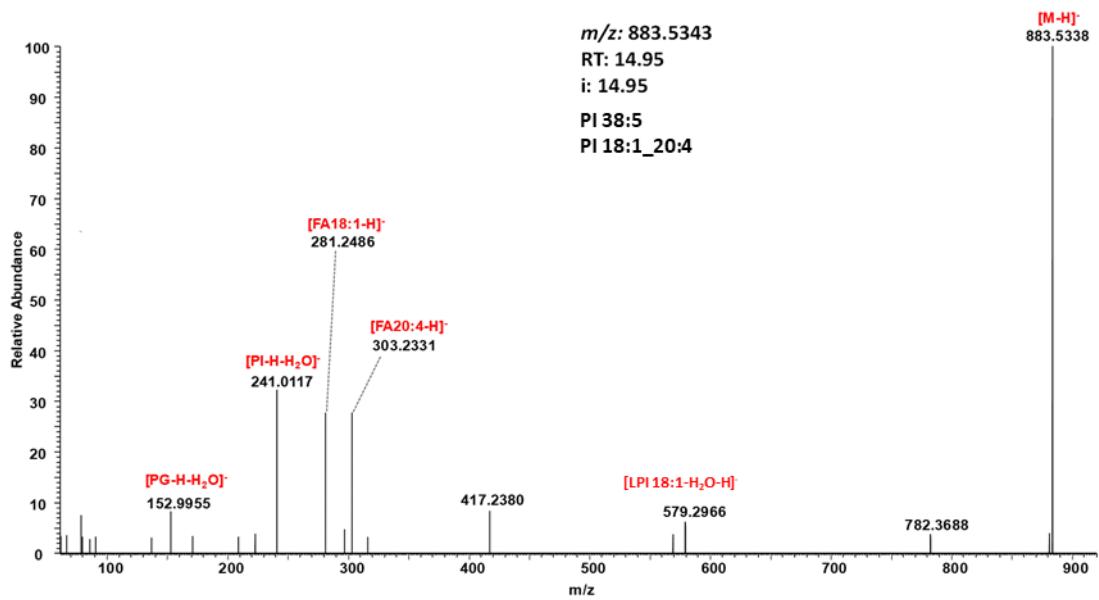


Table 5.1. Summary of PI specific neutral loss and fragment ions obtained by positive and negative ion modes HCD.

NL/Fragment ion	PI
Negative ion mode HCD	
FI: fatty acyl 1 anion	+
FI: fatty acyl 2 anion	+
FI: LPI fatty acyl 1 anion	+
FI: 241 $[PI-H-H_2O]^-$	+
FI: 152 $[PG-H_2O]^-$	+

Positive ion mode HCD						
NL: 260 (phosphoinositol)						+
FI: fatty acyl monoglycerol [MG-H ₂ O+H] ⁺						+

5.3. RT mapping

To establish retention time rules for various PIs, molecular species were used (Table 5.2).

Table 5.2. Calculated RT differences between PI lipids used to identify true and false positive IDs.

Bulk	Discrete	RT	Δ PC-PI	RT	Discrete	Bulk
PI 32:0	PI 16:0_16:0	15.98	1.44	17.42	PC 16:0_16:0	PC 32:0
PI 34:1	PI 16:0_18:1	16.06	1.4	17.46	PC 16:0_18:1	PC 34:1
PI 34:2	PI 16:1_18:1	14.71	1.43	16.14	PC 16:1_18:1	PC 34:2
PI 34:2	PI 16:0_18:2	14.99	1.38	16.37	PC 16:0_18:2	PC 34:2
PI 36:1	PI 18:0_18:1	17.38	1.41	18.79	PC 18:0_18:1	PC 36:1
PI 36:2	PI 18:1_18:1	16.09	1.38	17.47	PC 18:1_18:1	PC 36:2
PI 36:2	PI 18:0_18:2	16.42	1.39	17.81	PC 18:0_18:2	PC 36:2
PI 36:3	PI 18:1_18:2	15.07	1.35	16.42	PC 18:1_18:2	PC 36:3
PI 36:3	PI 16:0_20:3	15.38	1.37	16.75	PC 16:0_20:3	PC 36:3
PI 36:4	PI 16:0_20:4	14.83	1.34	16.17	PC 16:0_20:4	PC 36:4
PI 37:4	PI 17:0_20:4	15.55	1.37	16.92	PC 17:0_20:4	PC 37:4
PI 38:3	PI 18:0_20:3	16.75	1.4	18.15	PC 18:0_20:3	PC 38:3
PI 38:4	PI 18:1_20:3	15.88	0.91	16.79	PC 18:1_20:3	PC 38:4
PI 38:4	PI 18:0_20:4	16.23	1.37	17.6	PC 18:0_20:4	PC 38:4
PI 38:4	PI 16:0_22:4	15.87	1.29	17.16	PC 16:0_22:4	PC 38:4
PI 38:5	PI 18:1_20:4	14.86	1.36	16.22	PC 18:1_20:4	PC 38:5
PI 38:5	PI 18:0_20:5	15.39	1.32	16.71	PC 18:0_20:5	PC 38:5
PI 40:4	PI 18:0_22:4	17.13	1.36	18.49	PC 18:0_22:4	PC 40:4
PI 40:6	PI 18:0_22:6	15.94	1.33	17.27	PC 18:0_22:6	PC 40:6

Finally, structure – RT relationships for all identified PI species were visualized by plotting Kendrick mass defect by hydrogen (KMD(H)) vs RT plot to control identification accuracy (Figure 5.3). All species falling out of the diagonal (different carbon number but the same DBE) and horizontal (same carbon number but different DBE) trend lines were excluded.

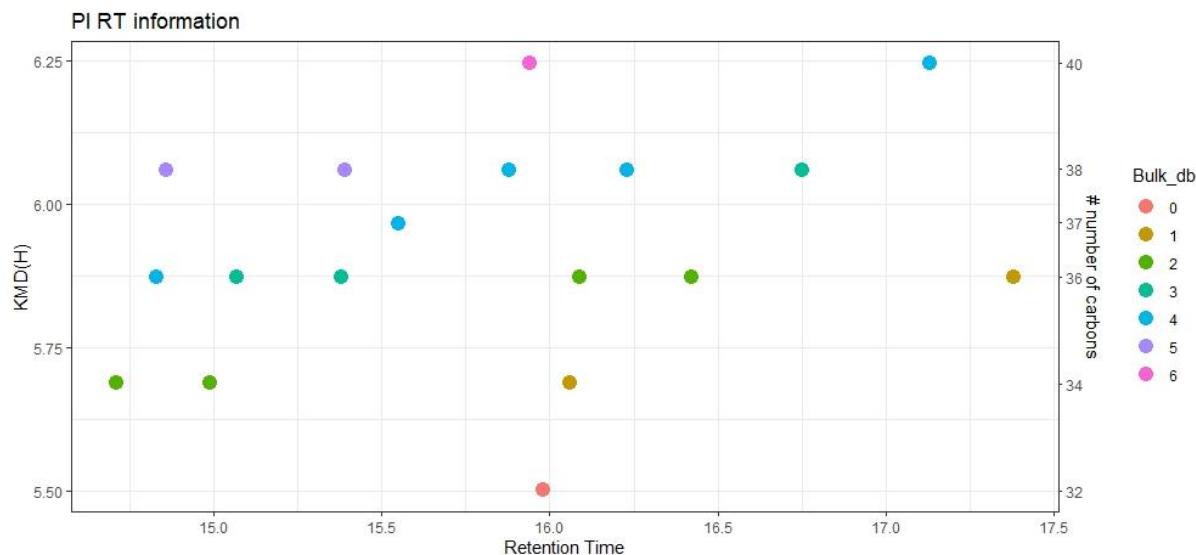


Figure 5.3. KMD(H), PI carbohydrate chain carbon number vs RT plot for all identified PI species. Symbols color represents the number of double bounds in carbohydrate chains.

6. Manual confirmation of identities for PS lipid molecular species.

Software assisted identification of PS molecular species required further manual confirmation to assure accurate identification based on specific fragment ions and retention time mapping.

6.1. Monitored adducts

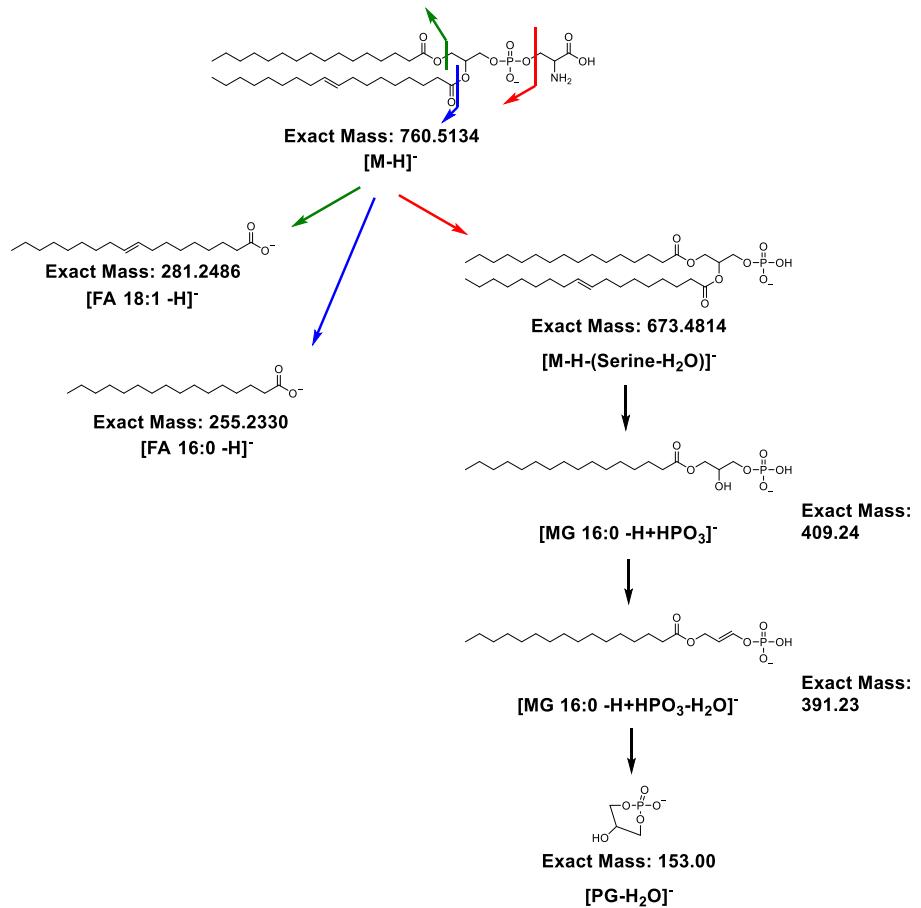
PS were monitored as deprotonated ions in negative ion mode.

6.2. Fragmentation patterns

General fragmentation pattern and representative MS/MS spectrum for PS ionized in negative mode are illustrated below:

[M-H]⁻

PS 16:0_18:1



Scheme 6.1. General HCD fragmentation pattern of deprotonated [M-H]⁻ adducts of PS.

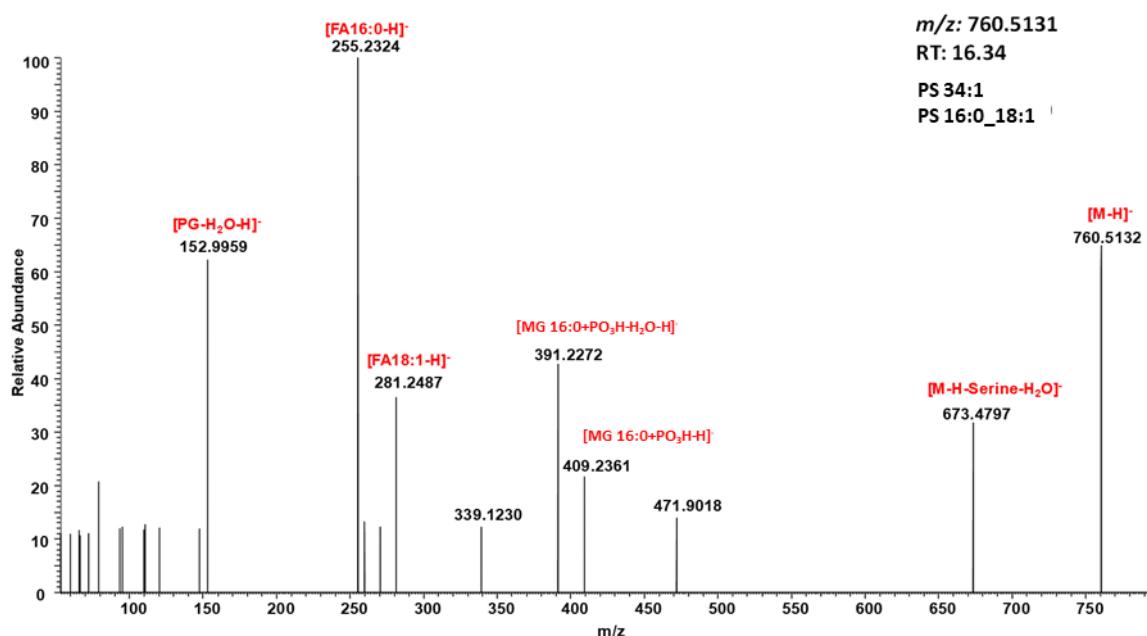


Figure 6.1. Representative HCD spectrum of the deprotonated adduct $[M-H]^-$ of PS 16:0_18:1.

Table 6.1. Summary of PS specific neutral loss and fragment ions obtained by positive and negative ion modes HCD.

NL/Fragment ion	PS
Positive ion mode HCD	
FI: fatty acyl anion 1	+
FI: fatty acyl anion 2	+
NL: 87 (serine)	+
FI: monoglycerol + phosphate	+
FI: monoglycerol – H_2O + phosphate	+
FI: phosphatidylglycerol – H_2O	+

6.3. RT mapping

To establish retention time rules for various PSs, molecular species were used (Table 6.2).

Table 6.2. Calculated RT differences between PS lipids used to identify true and false positive IDs.

Bulk	Discrete	RT	Δ PC-PS	RT	Discrete	Bulk
PS 34:1	PS 16:0_18:1	16.34	1.12	17.46	PC 16:0_18:1	PC 34:1
PS 34:2	PS 16:0_18:2	15.28	1.09	16.37	PC 16:0_18:2	PC 34:2
PS 36:1	PS 18:0_18:1	17.7	1.09	18.79	PC 18:0_18:1	PC 36:1
PS 36:2	PS 18:0_18:2	16.68	1.13	17.81	PC 18:0_18:2	PC 36:2
PS 36:2	PS 18:1_18:1	16.34	1.13	17.47	PC 18:1_18:1	PC 36:2
PS 36:3	PS 18:1_18:2	15.67	0.75	16.42	PC 18:1_18:2	PC 36:3
PS 36:4	PS 18:2_18:2	16.62	-1.29	15.33	PC 18:2_18:2	PC 36:4
PS 38:3	PS 18:0_20:3	17.03	1.12	18.15	PC 18:0_20:3	PC 38:3
PS 38:4	PS 18:0_20:4	16.53	1.07	17.6	PC 18:0_20:4	PC 38:4

PS 38:5	PS 18:1_20:4	16.67	-0.45	16.22	PC 18:1_20:4	PC 38:5
PS 40:6	PS 18:0_22:6	16.19	1.08	17.27	PC 18:0_22:6	PC 40:6

Finally, structure – RT relationships for all identified PS species were visualized by plotting Kendrick mass defect by hydrogen (KMD(H)) vs RT plot to control identification accuracy (Figure 6.2). All species falling out of the diagonal (different carbon number but the same DBE) and horizontal (same carbon number but different DBE) trend lines were excluded.

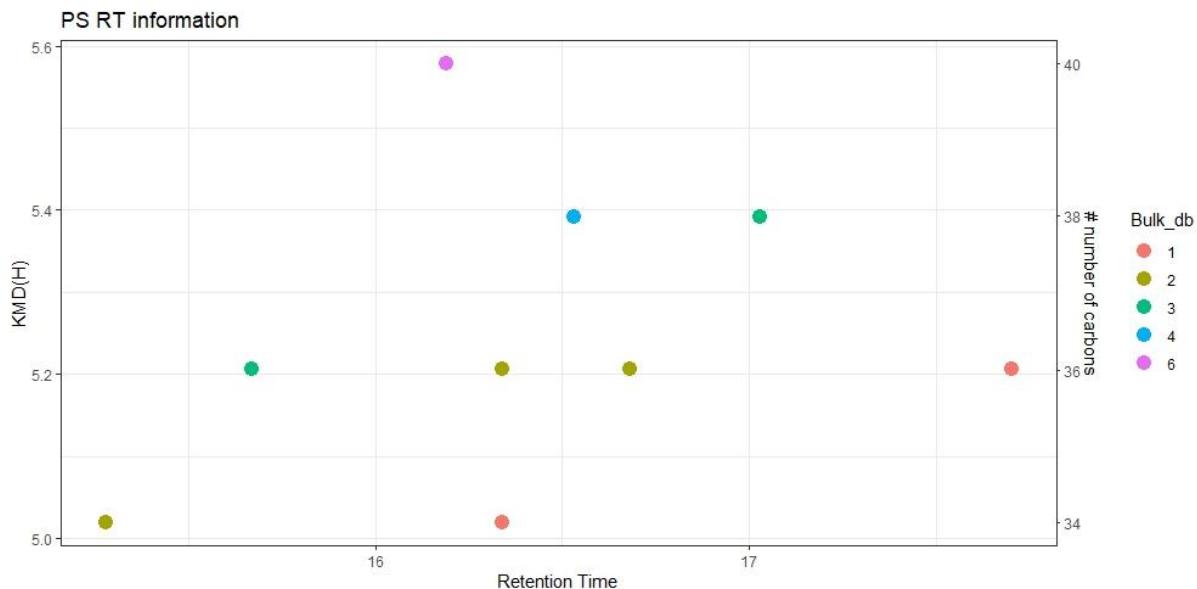


Figure 6.2. KMD(H), PS carbohydrate chain carbon number vs RT plot for all identified PS species. Symbols color represents the number of double bounds in carbohydrate chains

7. Manual confirmation of identities for PG lipid molecular species.

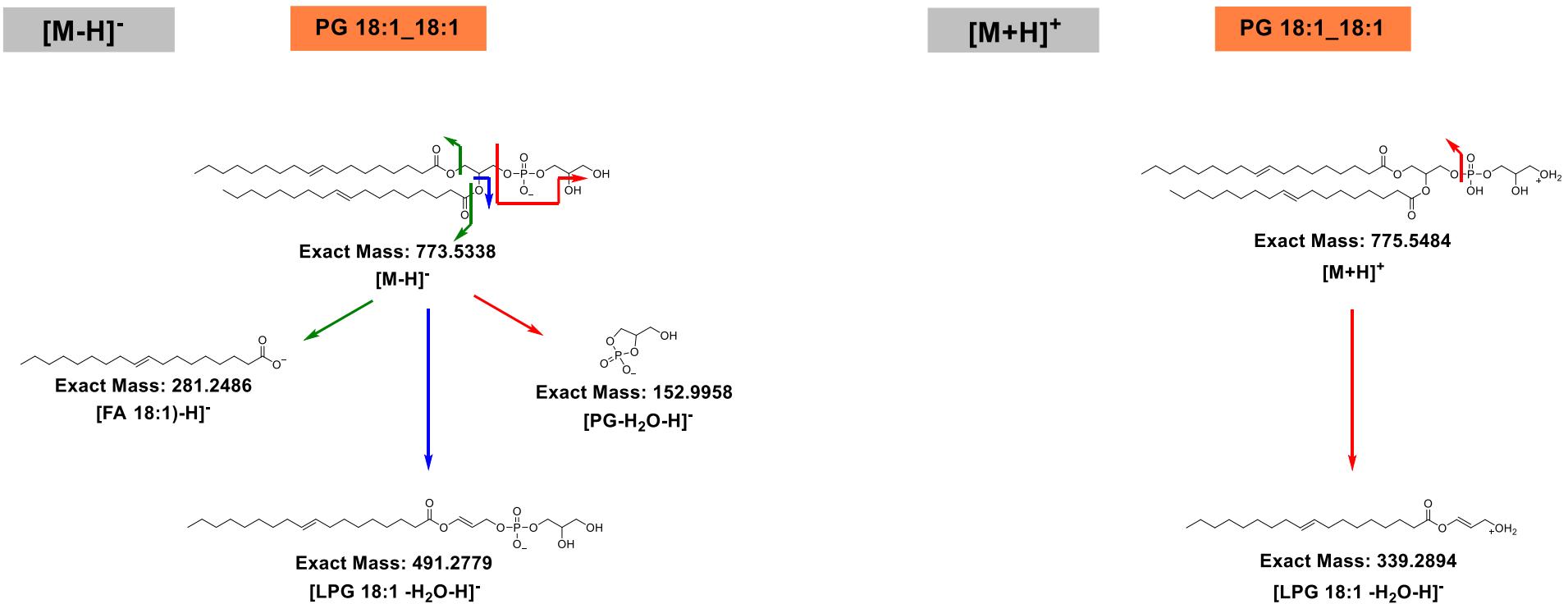
Software assisted identification of PG molecular species required further manual confirmation to assure accurate identification based on specific fragment ions and retention time mapping.

7.1. Monitored adducts

PG were monitored as protonated or deprotonated ions in positive and negative ion modes, respectively.

7.2. Fragmentation patterns

General fragmentation pattern and representative MS/MS spectra for PG ionized in positive and negative modes are illustrated below:



Scheme 7.1. General HCD fragmentation pattern of deprotonated $[M-H]^-$ and protonated $[M+H]^+$ adducts of PG.

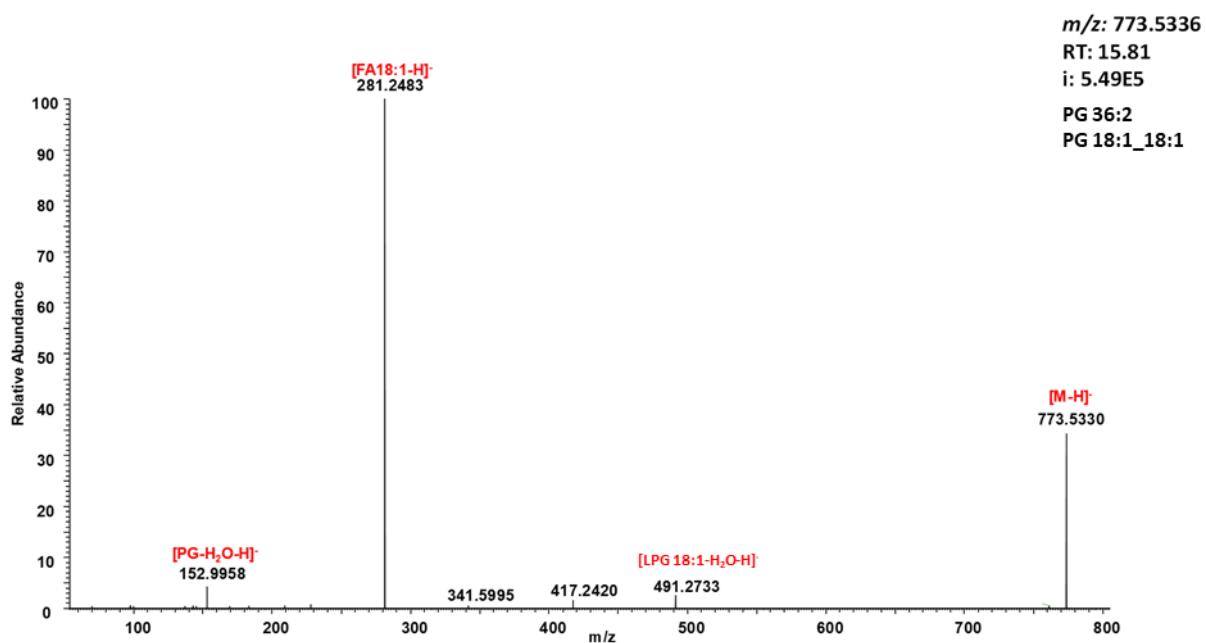


Figure 7.1. Representative HCD spectrum of the deprotonated adduct $[M-H]^-$ of PG 18:1_18:1.

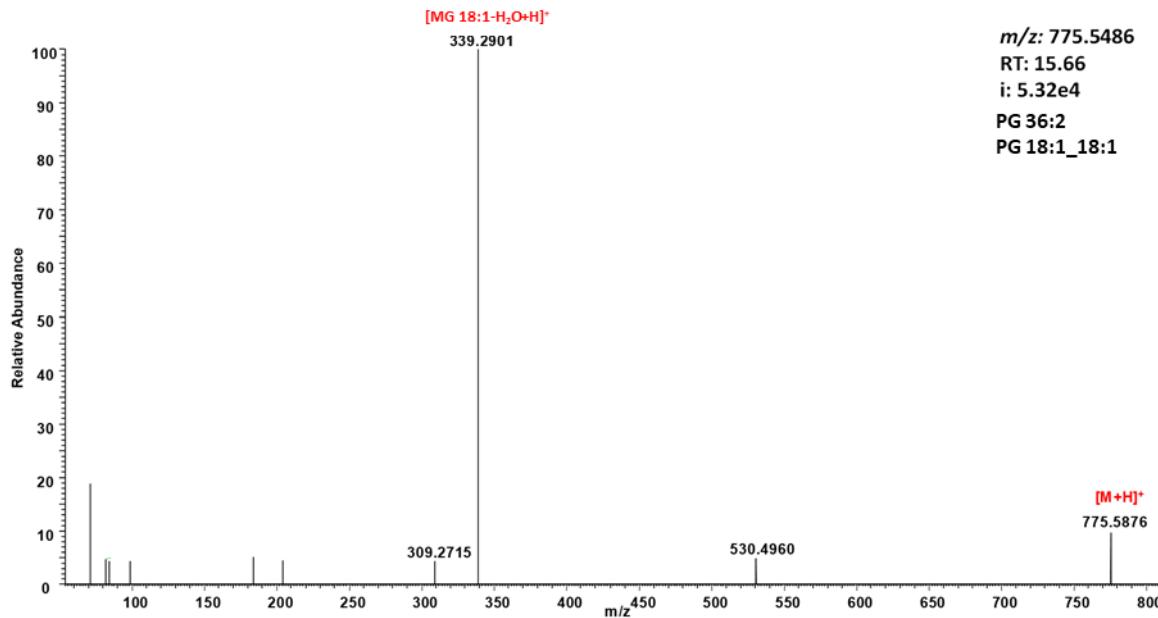


Figure 7.2. Representative HCD spectrum of the protonated adduct $[M+H]^+$ of PG 18:1_18:1.

Table 7.1. Summary of PG specific neutral loss and fragment ions obtained by positive and negative ion modes HCD.

NL/Fragment ion	PG
Negative ion mode HCD	
FI: fatty acyl 1 anion	+
FI: fatty acyl 2 anion	+
FI: LPG fatty acyl 1 anion	+
FI: 152 [PG-H₂O] ⁻	+
Positive ion mode HCD	
NL: 260 (phosphoinositol)	+
FI: lysophosphatidylglycerol – H₂O [LPG-H₂O+H] ⁺	+

7.3. RT mapping

To establish retention time rules for various PGs, molecular species were used (Table 7.2).

Table 7.2. Calculated RT differences between PG lipids used to identify true and false positive IDs.

Bulk	Discrete	RT	Δ PC-PE	RT	Discrete	Bulk
PG 34:2	PG 16:1_18:1	14.46	1.68	16.14	PC 16:1_18:1	PC 34:2
PG 34:1	PG 16:0_18:1	16.09	1.37	17.46	PC 16:0_18:1	PC 34:1
PG 36:4	PG 16:0_20:4	15.11	1.06	16.17	PC 16:0_20:4	PC 36:4
PG 36:4	PG 18:2_18:2	14.3	1.03	15.33	PC 18:2_18:2	PC 36:4
PG 36:2	PG 18:1_18:1	15.83	1.64	17.47	PC 18:1_18:1	PC 36:2
PG 36:1	PG 18:0_18:1	17.61	1.18	18.79	PC 18:0_18:1	PC 36:1
PG 38:5	PG 18:1_20:4	14.56	1.66	16.22	PC 18:1_20:4	PC 38:5
PG 38:4	PG 18:0_20:4	15.15	2.45	17.6	PC 18:0_20:4	PC 38:4

Finally, structure – RT relationships for all identified PG species were visualized by plotting Kendrick mass defect by hydrogen (KMD(H)) vs RT plot to control identification accuracy (Figure 7.3). All species falling out of the diagonal (different carbon number but the same DBE) and horizontal (same carbon number but different DBE) trend lines were excluded.

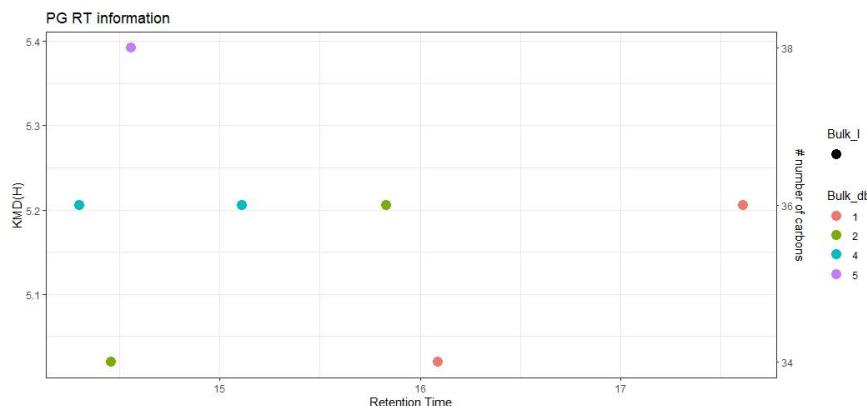


Figure 7.3. KMD(H), PI carbohydrate chain carbon number vs RT plot for all identified PG species. Symbols color represents the number of double bounds in carbohydrate chains.

Sphingolipids

8. Manual confirmation of identities for SM lipid molecular species.

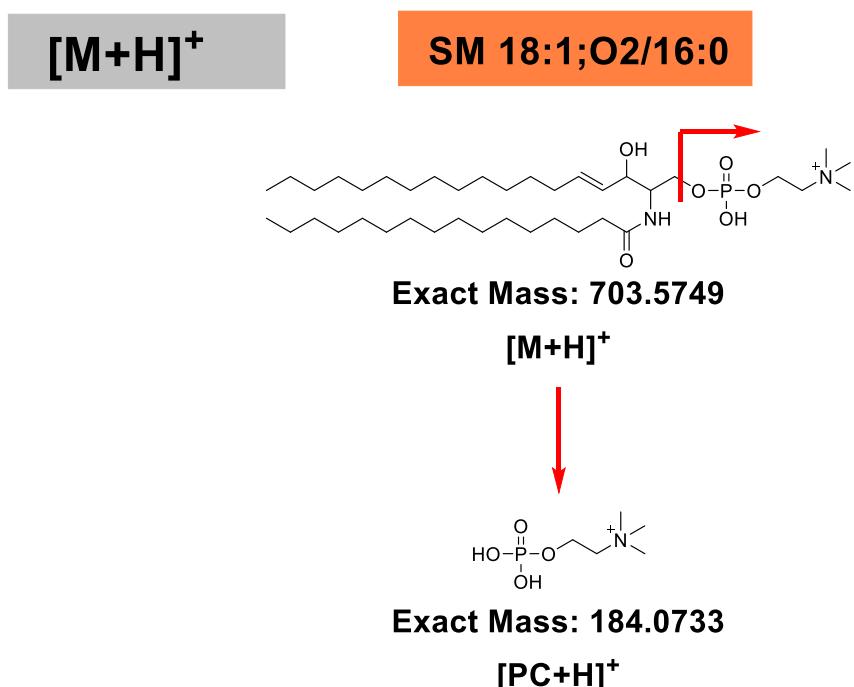
Software assisted identification of SM molecular species required further manual confirmation to assure accurate identification based on specific fragment ions and retention time mapping.

8.1. Monitored adducts

SM were monitored as protonated ions in positive ion modes.

8.2. Fragmentation patterns

General fragmentation pattern and representative MS/MS spectra for SM ionized in positive mode are illustrated below:



Scheme 8.1. General HCD fragmentation pattern of protonated $[M + H]^+$ adducts of SM.

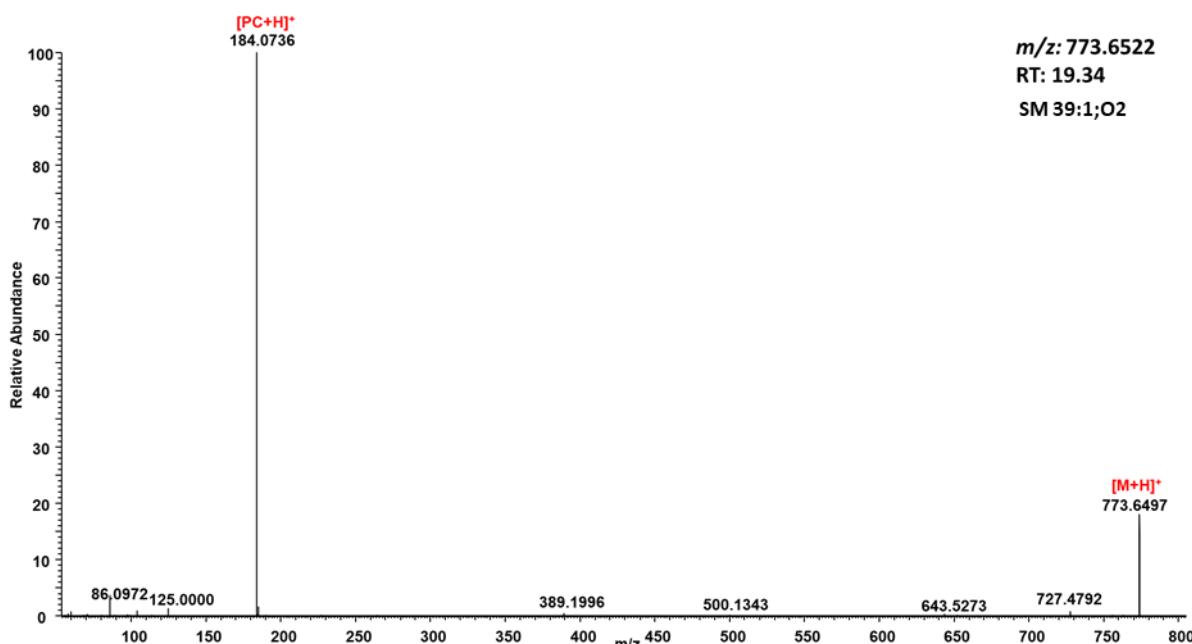


Figure 8.1. Representative HCD spectrum of the protonated adduct $[M+H]^+$ of SM 39:1;O2.

Table 8.1. Summary of SM specific neutral loss and fragment ions obtained by positive ion mode HCD.

Positive ion mode HCD	
FI: 184 (phosphatidylcholine headgroup)	+

8.3. RT mapping

Finally, structure – RT relationships for all identified SM species were visualized by plotting Kendrick mass defect by hydrogen (KMD(H)) vs RT plot to control identification accuracy (Figure 8.2). All species falling out of the diagonal (different carbon number but the same DBE) and horizontal (same carbon number but different DBE) trend lines were excluded.

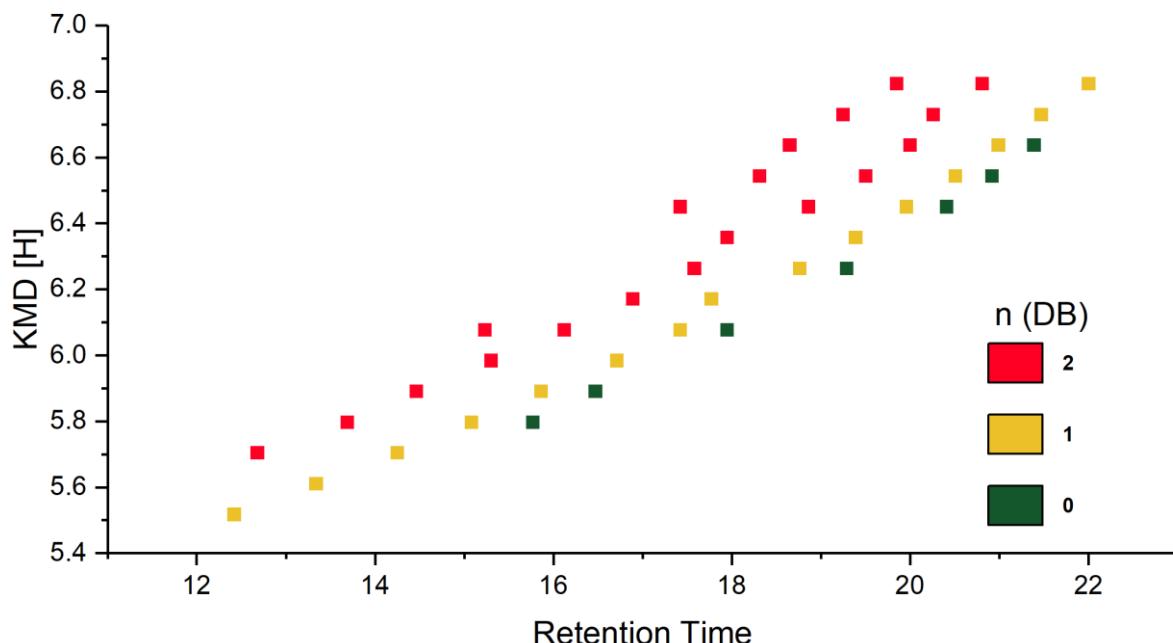


Figure 8.2. KMD(H), SM carbohydrate chain carbon number vs RT plot for all identified SM species. Symbols color represents the number of double bounds in carbohydrate chains.

9. Manual confirmation of identities for ceramide lipid molecular species:

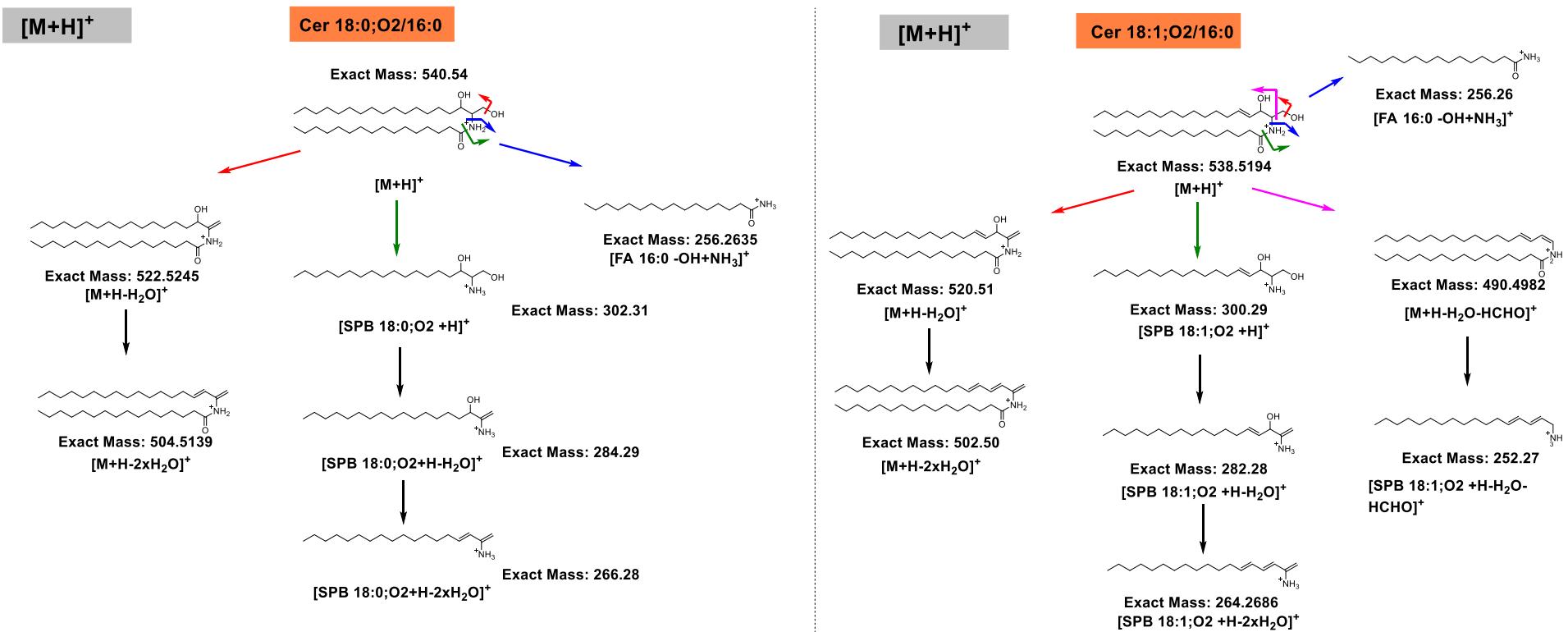
Software assisted identification of Cer molecular species required further manual confirmation to assure accurate identification of Cer subclasses (deoxyCer vs dihydroCer vs Cer vs phytoCer) based on specific fragment ions and retention time mapping. Cer subclasses contained sphingoid bases with varying numbers of hydroxyl groups (1 OH = deoxyCer, 2 OH = dihydroCer/Cer, 3 OH = phytoCer) and numbers of double bonds (0 DB = dihydroCer/phytoCer/deoxyDihydroCer, 1 DB = deoxyCer/Cer, 2 DB = deoxyCer/Cer)

9.1. Monitored adducts

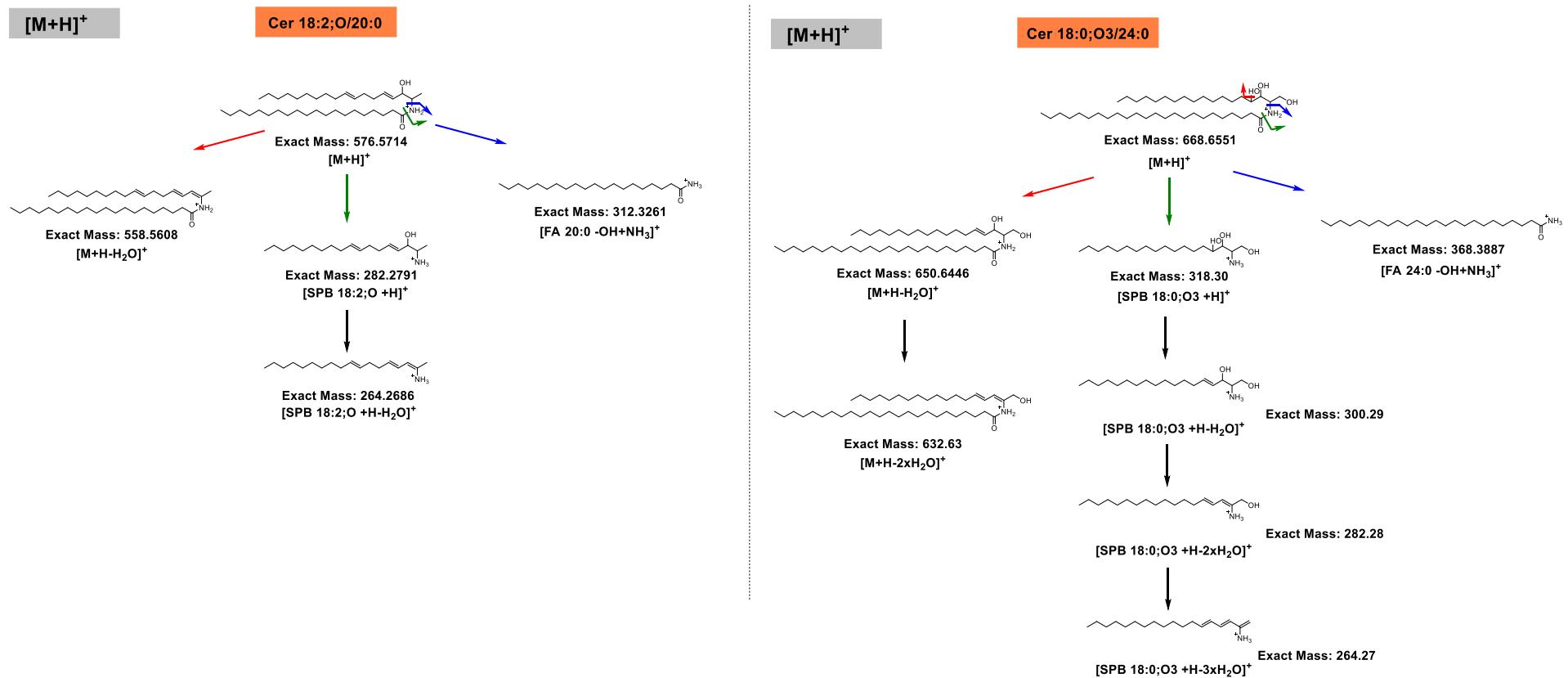
Cer were monitored as protonated adducts in positive mode.

9.2. Fragmentation patterns

General fragmentation pattern and representative MS/MS spectra for Cer ionized in positive mode are illustrated below:



Scheme 9.1. General HCD fragmentation pattern of protonated dihydroCer (Cer 18:0;O2/16:0) and Cer (Cer 18:1;O2/16:0) as $[M+H]^+$.



Scheme 9.2. General HCD fragmentation pattern of deoxyCer (Cer 18:2;O/20:0) and phytoCer (Cer 18:0;O3/24:0) protonated adducts [M+H]⁺.

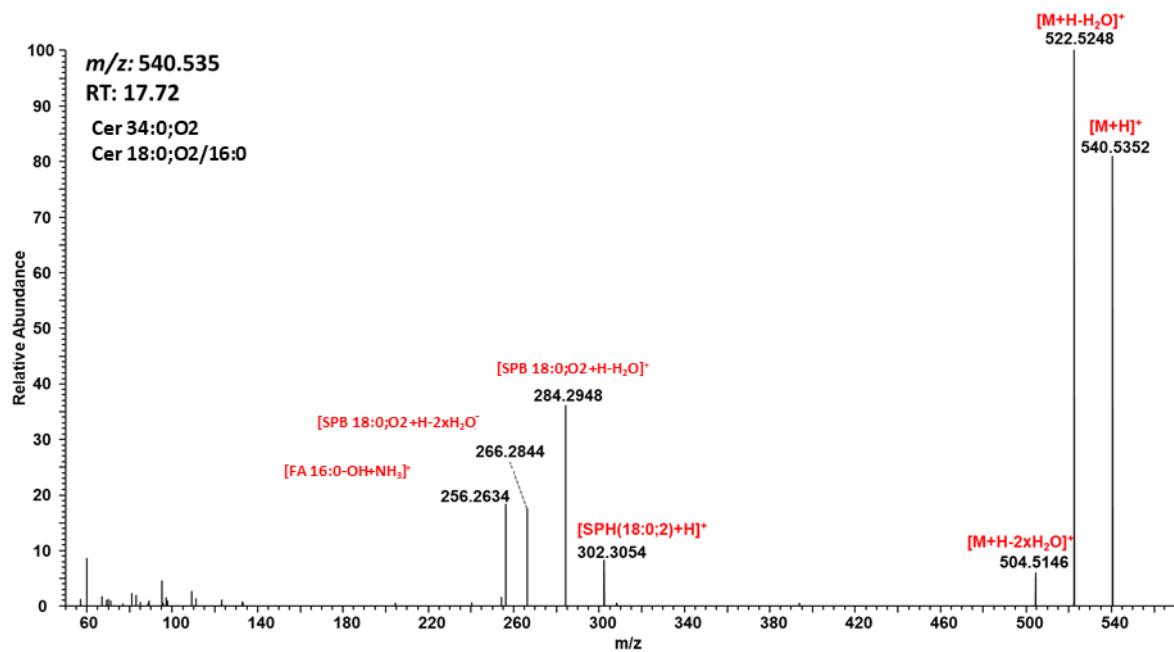


Figure 9.1. Representative HCD spectra of dihydroCer (Cer 18:0;O2/16:0) protonated adducts $[M+H]^+$.

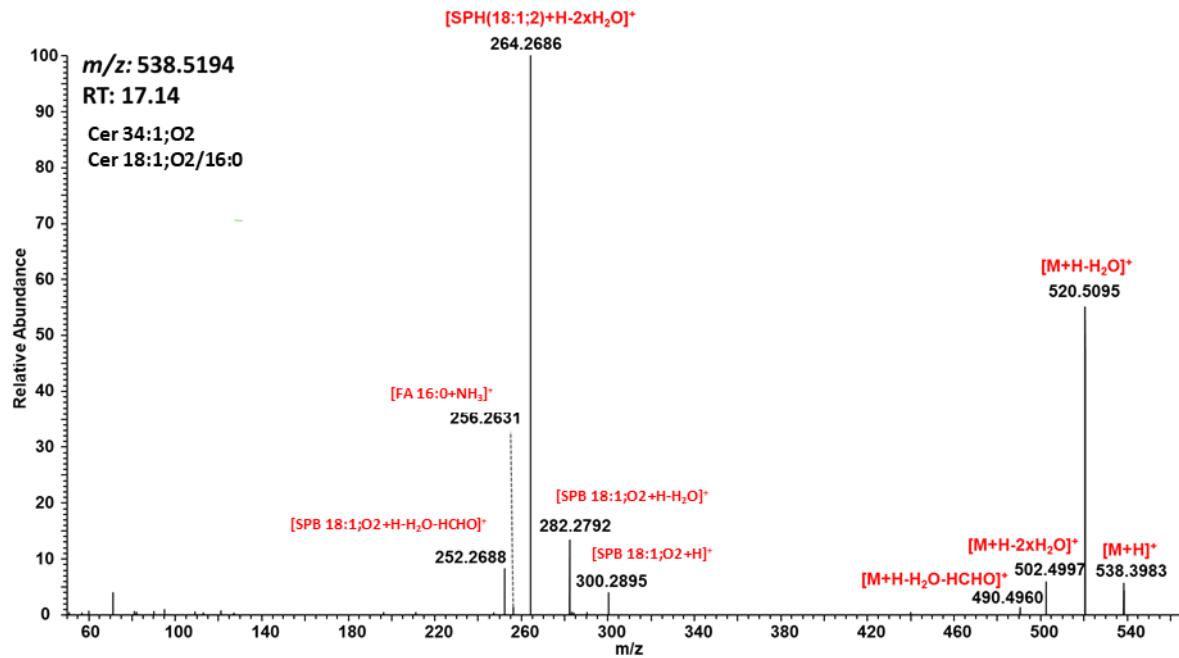


Figure 9.2. Representative HCD spectra of Cer (Cer 18:1;O2/16:0) protonated adduct $[M+H]^+$.

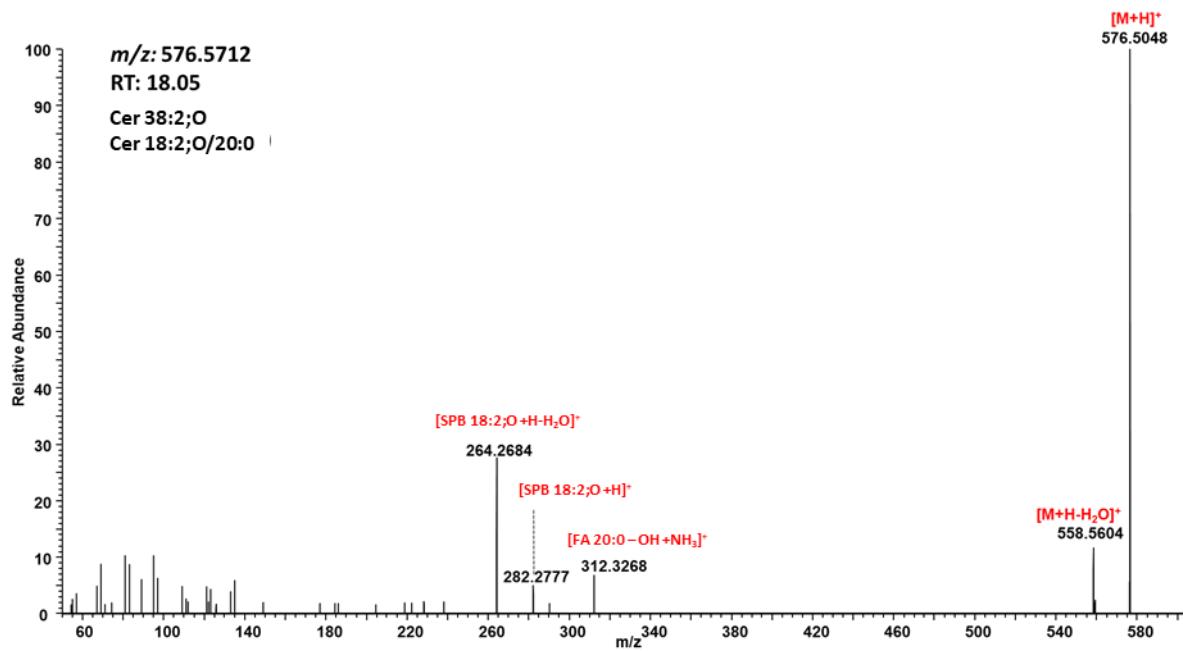


Figure 9.3. Representative HCD spectra of deoxyCer (Cer 18:2;O/20:0) protonated adduct $[M+H]^+$.

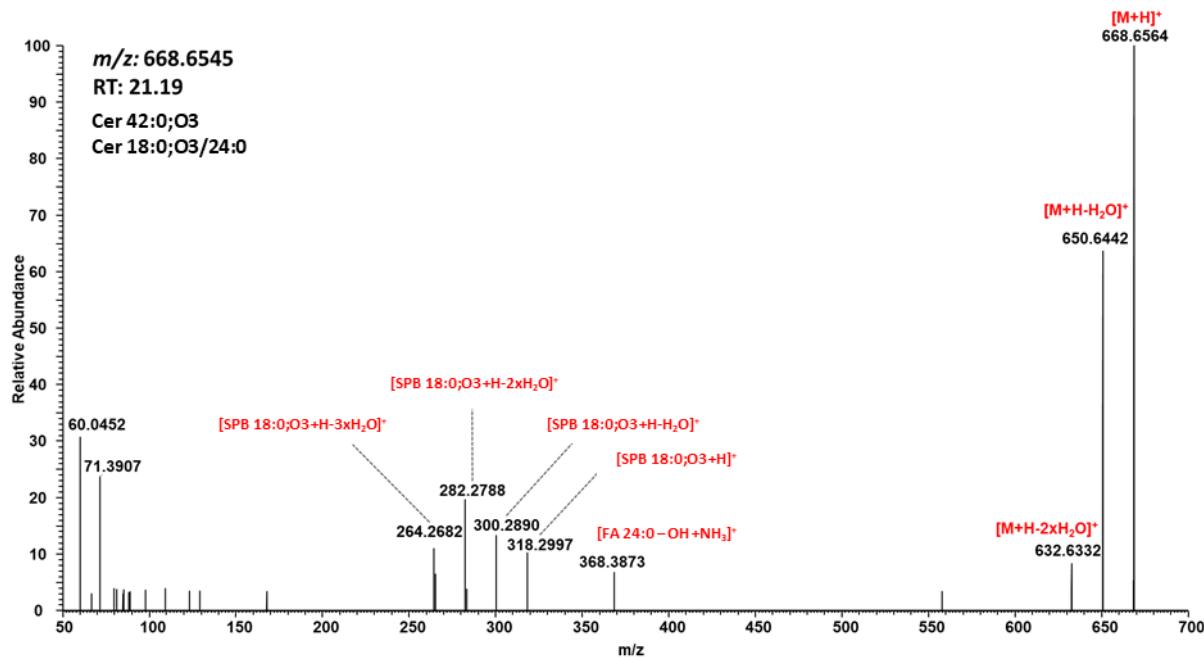


Figure 9.4. Representative HCD spectra of protonated adducts of phytoCer(Cer 18:0;O3/24:0) protonated adduct $[M+H]^+$.

Table 9.1. Summary of Cer subclass specific neutral loss (NL) and fragment ions (FI) obtained by positive HCD.

NL/FI	DihydroCer	Cer	DeoxyCer	PhytoCer
NL: 18 (H_2O)	+	+	+	+
NL: 36 (2x H_2O)	+	+		+
FI: sphinganine (18:0;O2)	+			
FI: sphinganine (18:0;O2) – H_2O	+			
FI: sphinganine (18:0;O2) – 2x H_2O	+			

FI: sphingosine (18:1,O2)		+		
FI: sphingosine (18:1,O2) – H ₂ O		+		
FI: sphingosine (18:1,O2) – 2xH ₂ O		+		
NL: 48 (H ₂ O + HCHO)		+		
FI: [18:1;O2-H ₂ O-HCHO+H]		+		
FI: deoxysphingosine (18:1,O)			+	
FI: deoxysphingosine (18:1,O) – H ₂ O			+	
FI: phytosphingosine (18:0;O3)				+
FI: phytosphingosine (18:0;O3) – H ₂ O				+
FI: phytosphingosine (18:0;O3) – 2xH ₂ O				+
FI: phytosphingosine (18:0;O3) – 2xH ₂ O				+
FI: fatty acyl amide [FA-OH+NH ₃] ⁺	+	+	+	+

DihydroCer:

- Water loss from precursor
- 2 x water loss from precursor
- Protonated sphinganine base
- Protonated sphinganine base - water
- Protonated sphinganine base - 2 x water
- Fatty acyl amide fragment

Cer

- Water loss from precursor
- 2 x water loss from precursor
- Water loss - formaldehyde loss from precursor
- Protonated sphigosine base - water - formaldehyde
- Protonated sphingosine base
- Protonated sphingosine base - water
- Protonated sphingosine base - 2 x water
- Fatty acyl amide fragment

DeoxyCer

- Water loss from precursor
- Protonated deoxysphingosine base
- Protonated deoxysphingosine - water
- Fatty acyl amide fragment

PhytoCer

- Water loss from precursor
- 2 x water loss from precursor
- Protonated phytosphingosine base
- Protonated phytosphingosine base - water
- Protonated phytosphingosine base - 2 x water
- Protonated phytosphingosine base - 3 x water
- Fatty acyl amide fragment

9.3 ISF induced false positive identification

$[M-H_2O+H]^+$ and $[M-2H_2O+H]^+$ ions, usually formed as the result of in source fragmentation (ISF) of $[M+H]^+$ by the collisional decomposition of protonated Cer at the intermediate region of the instrument between the atmospheric pressure of the ESI source and the vacuum parts of the analyzer, were relatively high and significantly complicated accurate identification. To exclude false positive identifications (e.g. Cer 38:3;O instead of Cer 38:2;O2), RT of Cer different ionization states ($[M+H]^+$, $[M+Na]^+$, $[M-H_2O+H]^+$, and $[M+HCOO]^-$) were compared (Figure 9.5). When potentially identified Cer 38:3;O had the same RT as Cer 38:2;O2 $[M+H]^+$, $[M+Na]^+$, and $[M+HCOO]^-$ ions, it was assigned as $[M-H_2O+H]^+$ ion of Cer 38:2;O2, and Cer 38:3;O was excluded from identification list.

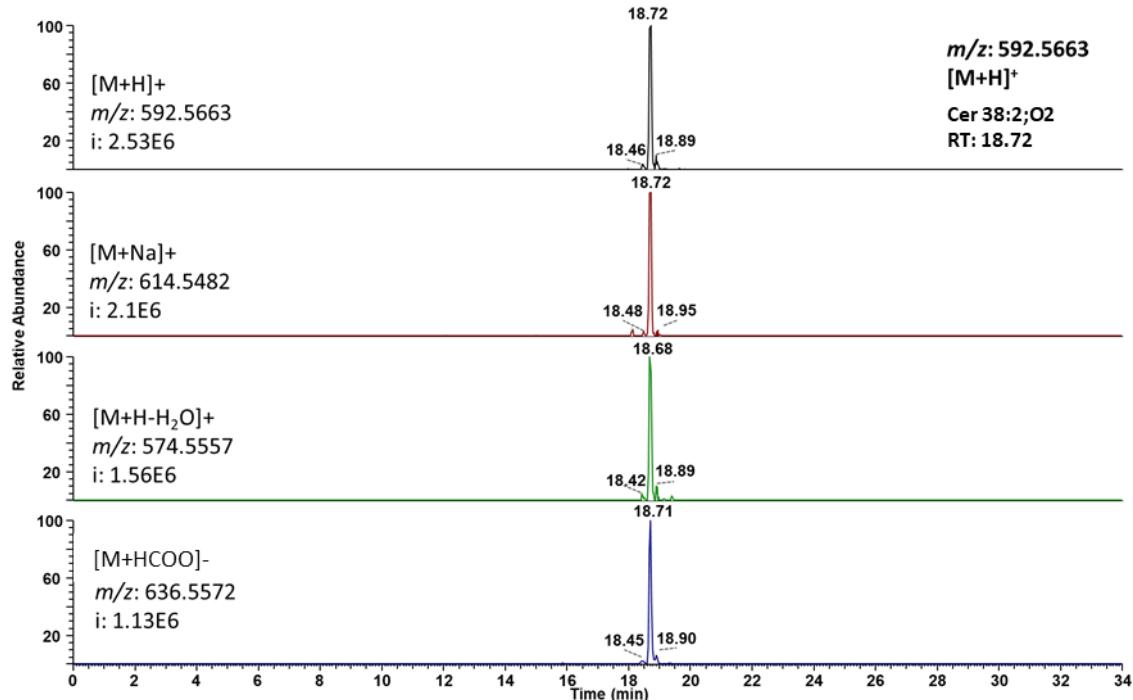


Figure 9.5. Filtering false positive identifications arising from ISF of $[M+H]^+$ of Cer. The m/z 574.5557 at RT 18.7 min was potentially identified as $[M+H]^+$ of Cer 38:3,O. However, signal at m/z 574.5557 co-eluted with $[M+H]^+$, $[M+Na]^+$, and $[M+HCOO]^-$ ions of Cer 38:2;O2, and thus was assigned as Cer 38:2;O2 $[M-H_2O+H]^+$ ion.

9.4. RT mapping

To establish retention time rules, molecular Cer species with differing numbers of oxygen atoms were used. Here, structure – RT relationships for all identified Cer species were visualized by plotting Kendrick mass defect by hydrogen (KMD(H)) vs RT plot to control identification accuracy of Cer with different number of hydroxyl groups (1 OH = deoxyCer, 2 OH = dihydroCer/Cer, 3 OH = phytoCer) (Figure 9.6-9.8). All species falling out of the diagonal (different carbon number but the same DBE) and horizontal (same carbon number but different DBE) trend lines were excluded.

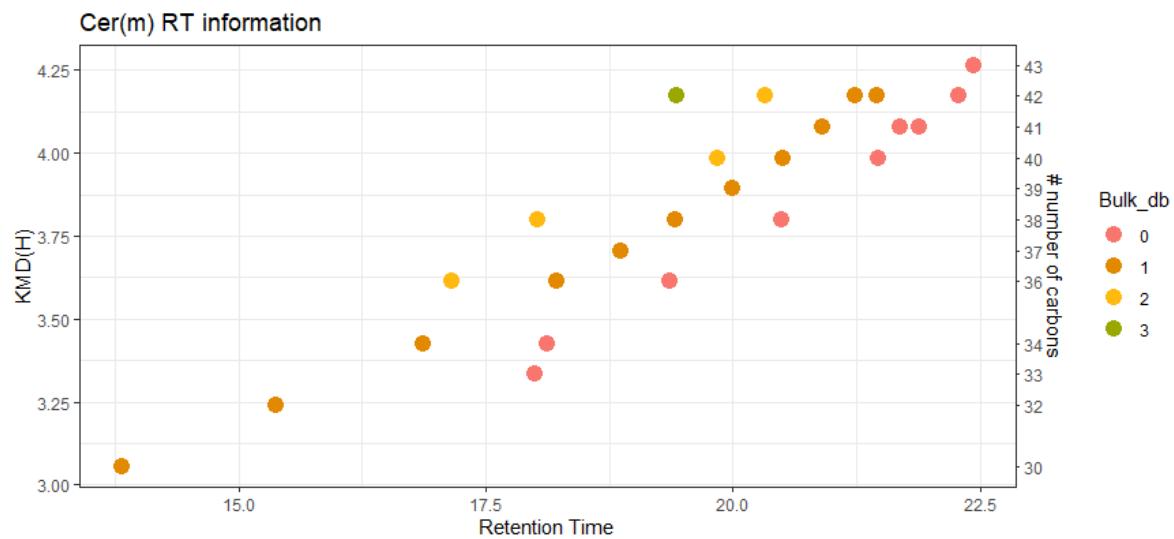


Figure 9.6. KMD(H), Cer carbohydrate chain carbon number vs RT plot for all Cer species containing one hydroxyl group (deoxyCer). Symbols color represents the number of double bounds in carbohydrate chains.

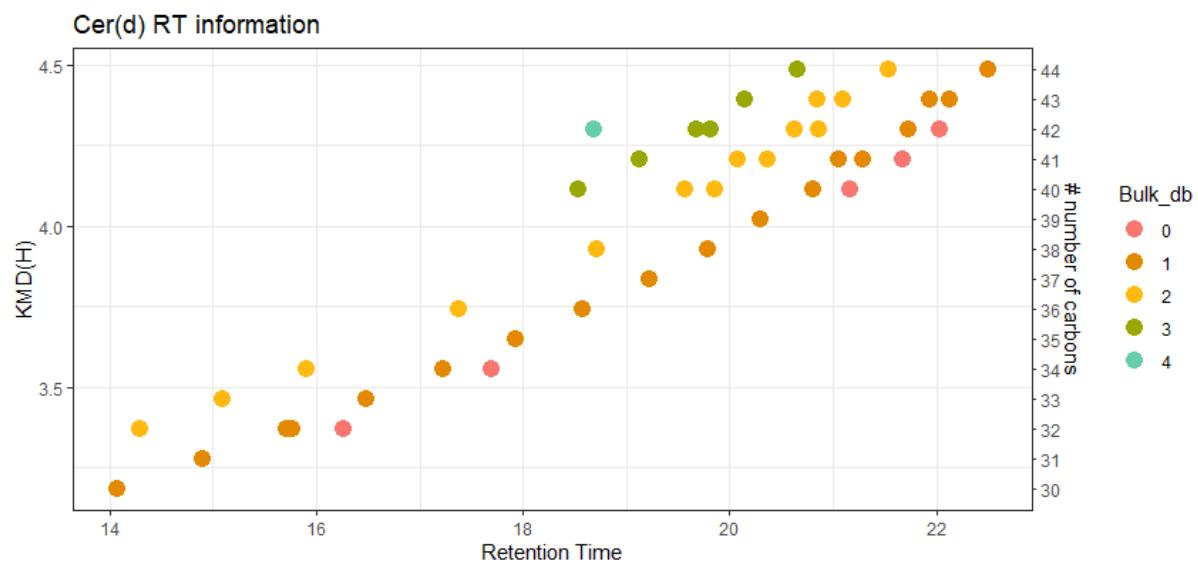


Figure 9.7. KMD(H), Cer carbohydrate chain carbon number vs RT plot for all Cer species containing two hydroxyl group (dihydroCer/Cer). Symbols color represents the number of double bounds in carbohydrate chains.

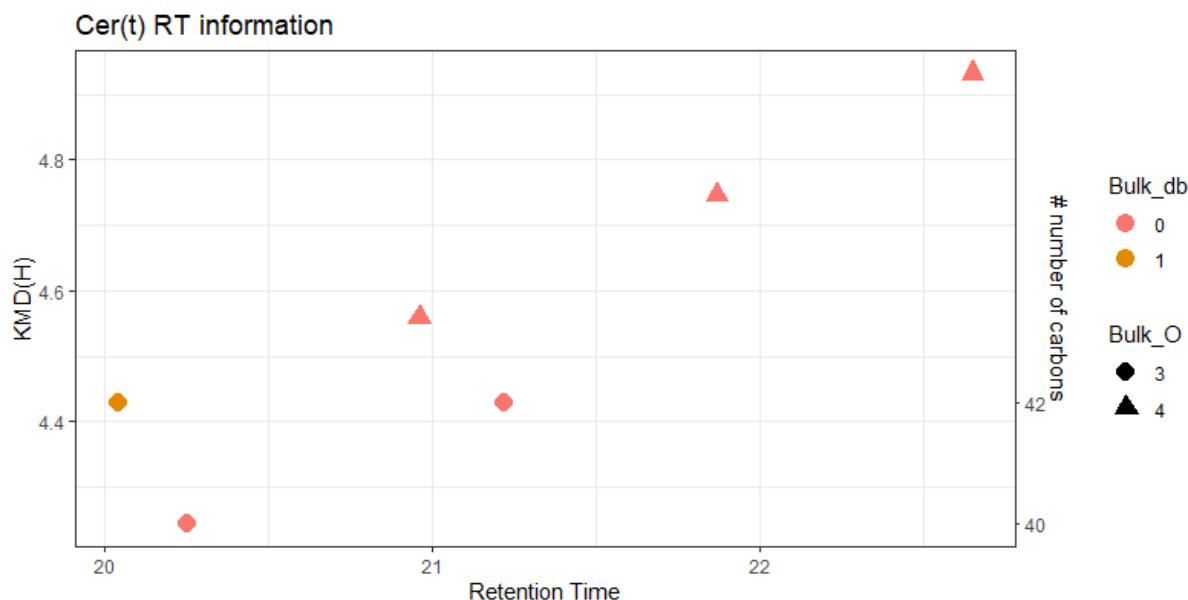


Figure 9.7. KMD(H), Cer carbohydrate chain carbon number vs RT plot for all Cer species containing three hydroxyl group (phytoCer). Symbols color represents the number of double bounds in carbohydrate chains.

10. Manual confirmation of identities for hexosylated ceramide (HexCer) lipid molecular species:

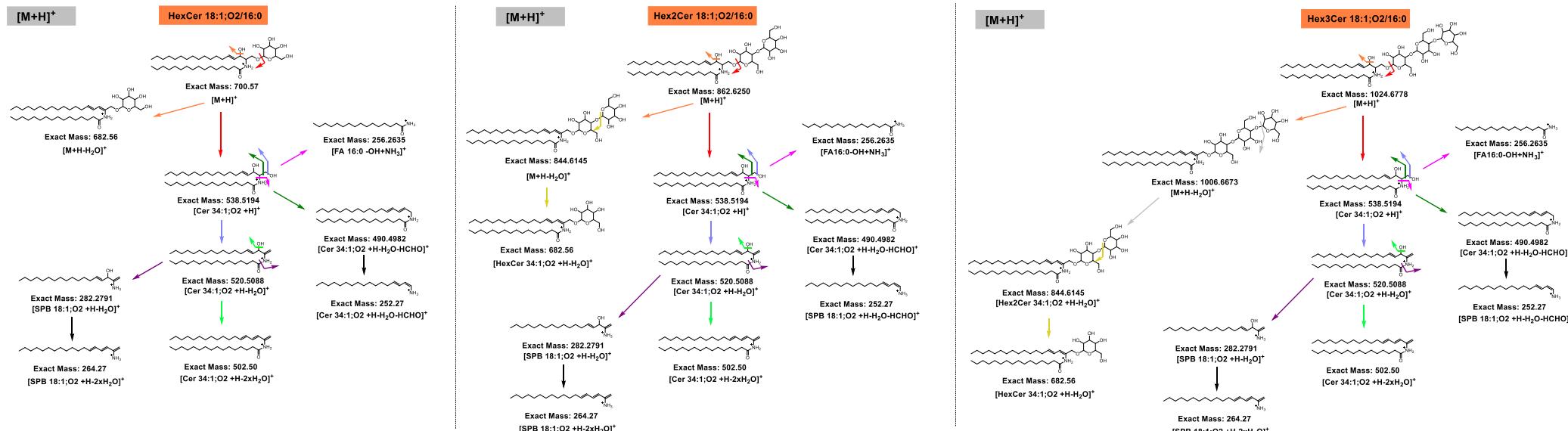
Software assisted identification of HexCer molecular species required further manual confirmation to assure accurate identification of HexCer subclasses (HexCer, Hex2Cer, Hex3Cer) based on specific fragment ions and retention time mapping. HexCer subclasses contain varying number of hexoses bound to the ceramide scaffold, i.e. one hexose (HexCer), two hexoses (Hex2Cer) and three hexoses (Hex3Cer). The identification of Cer subclasses within HexCer followed the same logic as for Cer.

10.1. Monitored adducts

HexCer were monitored as protonated adducts in positive mode.

10.2. Fragmentation patterns

General fragmentation pattern and representative MS/MS spectra for HexCer ionized in positive mode are illustrated below:



Scheme 10.1. General HCD fragmentation pattern of protonated HexCer (HexCer 18:1;O2/16:0), Hex2Cer (Hex2Cer 18:1;O2/16:0) and Hex3Cer 18:1;O2/16:0) as [M+H]⁺.

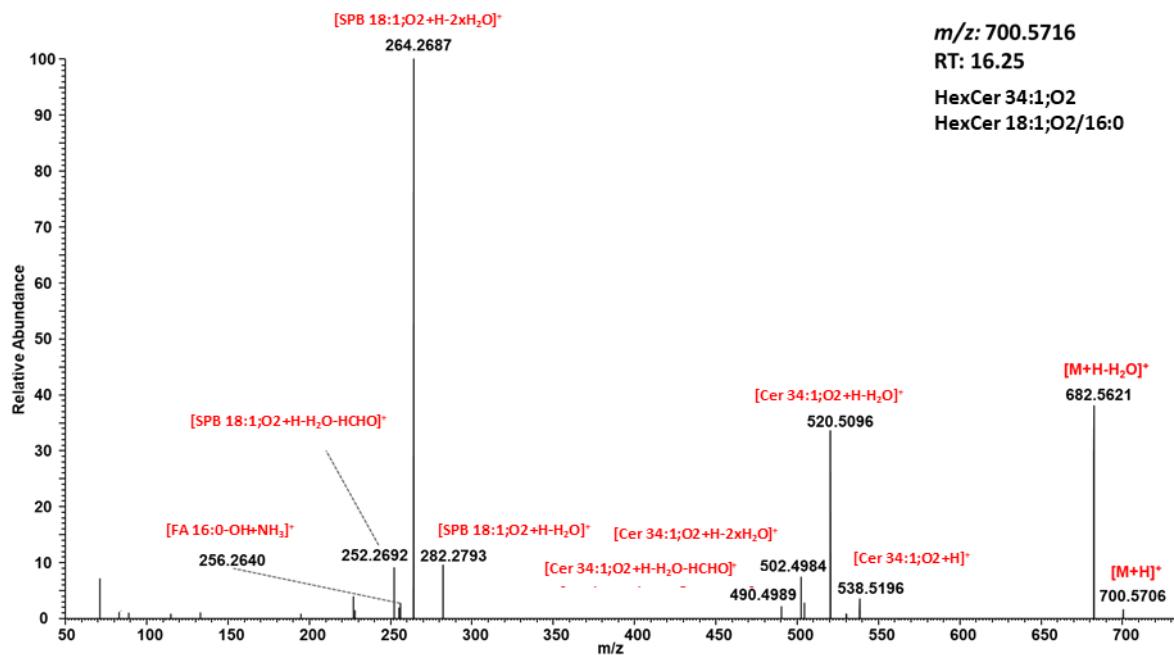


Figure 10.1. Representative HCD spectra of HexCer 18:1;O2/16:0 as protonated adduct $[M+H]^+$.

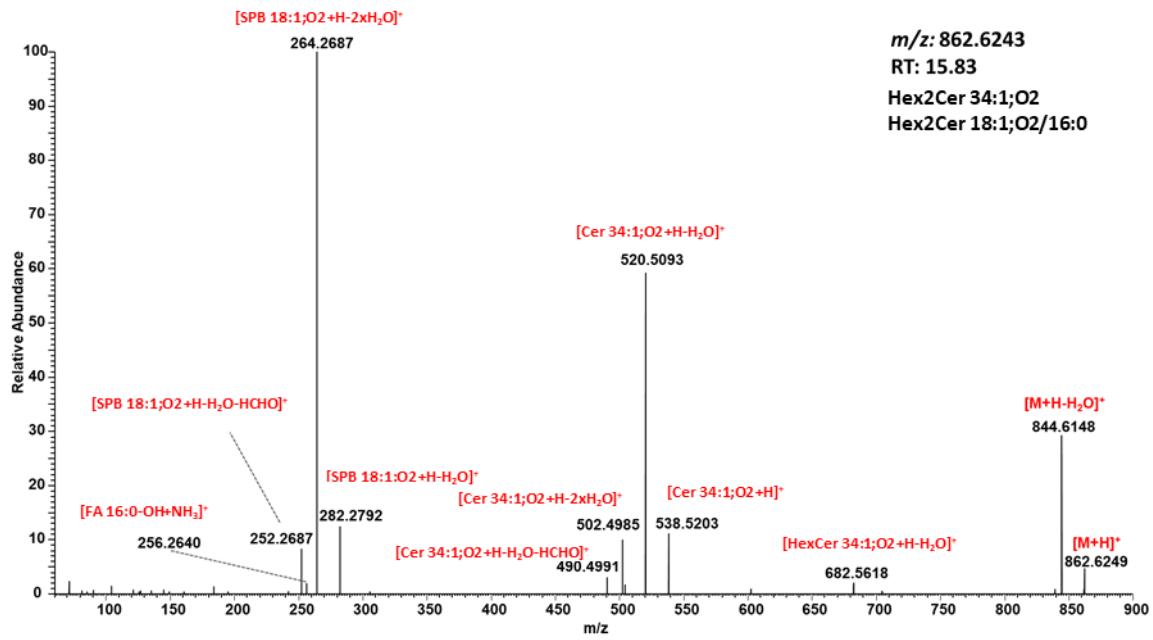


Figure 10.2. Representative HCD spectra of Hex2Cer 18:1;O2/16:0 as protonated adduct $[M+H]^+$.

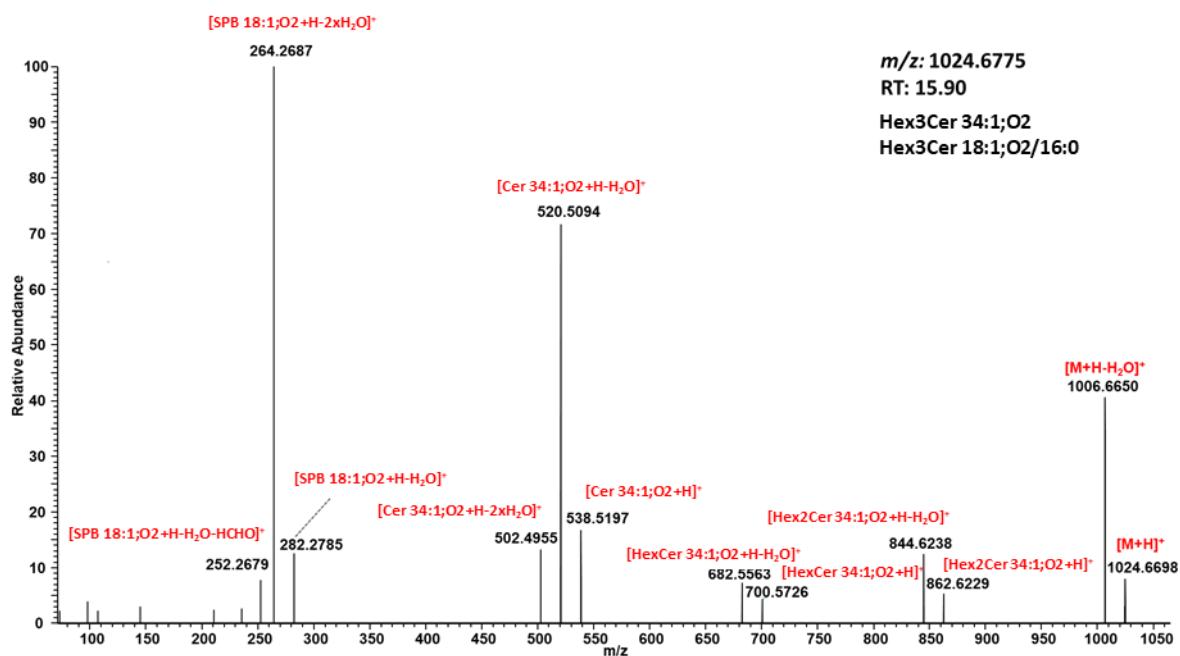


Figure 10.3. Representative HCD spectra of Hex3Cer 18:1;O2/16:0 as protonated adduct $[M+H]^+$.

Table 10.1. Summary of Cer subclass specific neutral loss (NL) and fragment ions (FI) obtained by positive HCD.

NL/FI	HexCer	Hex2Cer	Hex3Cer
NL: 18 (H_2O)	+	+	+
NL: 180 (hexose)		+	+
NL: 162 (hexose- H_2O)	+		
NL: 342 (hexose + (hexose- H_2O))			+
NL: 324 (2x(hexose- H_2O))		+	
NL: 486 (3x(hexose- H_2O))			+

HexCer:

- Water loss from precursor
- (hexose- H_2O) loss from precursor

Hex2Cer

- Water loss from precursor
- Hexose loss from precursor
- 2x(Hexose – water) loss from precursor

Hex3Cer

- Water loss from precursor
- Hexose loss from precursor
- Hexose loss + (Hexose-water) loss from precursor
- 3x(Hexose – water) loss from precursor

10.3. RT mapping

To establish retention time rules, molecular HexCer species with differing numbers attached hexoses were used. Here, structure – RT relationships for all identified HexCer species were visualized by plotting Kendrick mass defect by hydrogen (KMD(H)) vs RT plot to control identification accuracy (Figure 10.4-10.6). All species falling out of the diagonal (different carbon number but the same DBE) and horizontal (same carbon number but different DBE) trend lines were excluded.

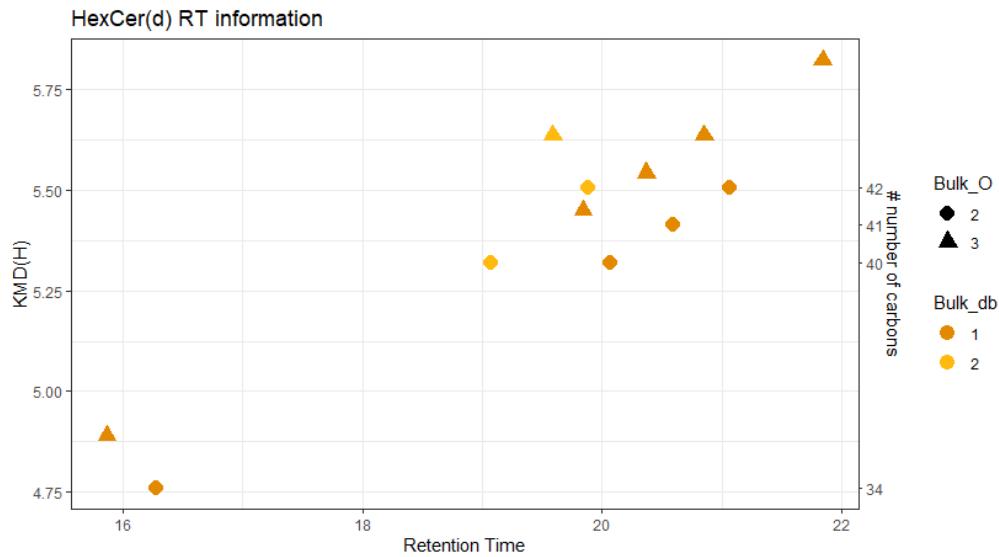


Figure 10.4. KMD(H), HexCer carbohydrate chain carbon number vs RT plot for all HexCer species containing one hexose. Symbols color represents the number of double bounds in carbohydrate chains.

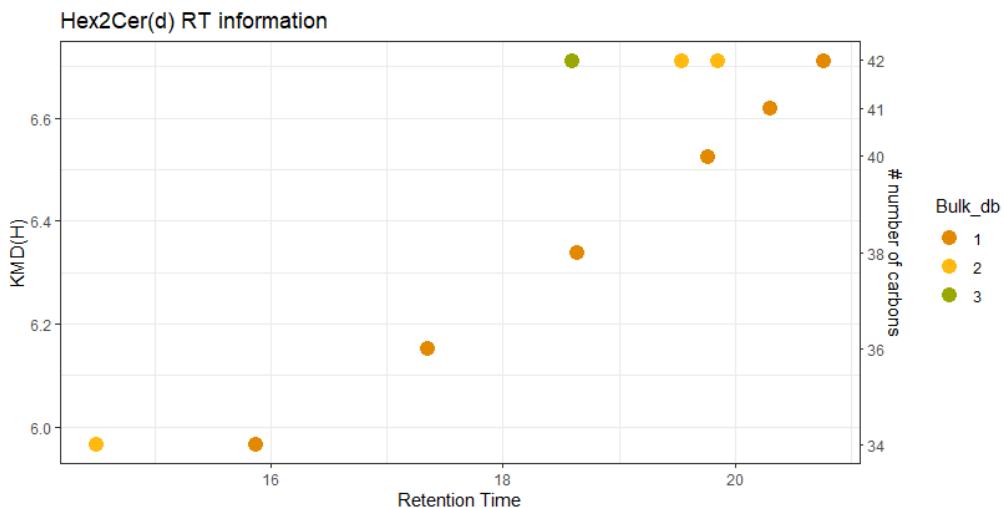


Figure 10.5. KMD(H), Hex2Cer carbohydrate chain carbon number vs RT plot for all HexCer species containing two hexoses. Symbols color represents the number of double bounds in carbohydrate chains.

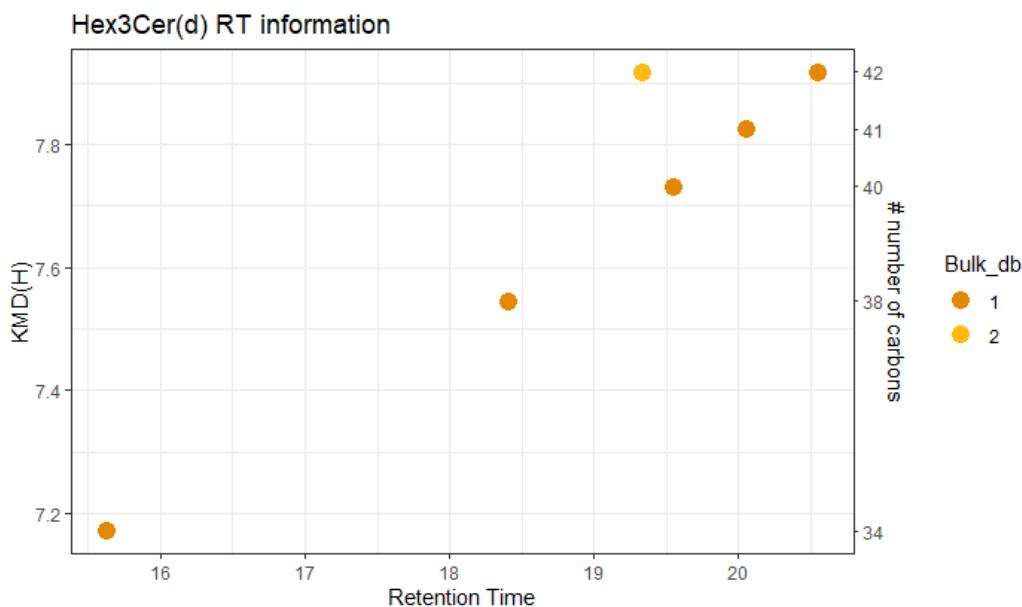


Figure 10.6. KMD(H), Hex3Cer carbohydrate chain carbon number vs RT plot for all HexCer species containing three hexoses. Symbols color represents the number of double bounds in carbohydrate chains.

Acylic Carnitines (CAR)

11. Manual confirmation of identities for CAR lipid molecular species.

CAR molecular species were identified manually and to assure accurate identification the presence of CAR specific fragment ion was determined and retention time mapping was performed.

11.1. Monitored adducts

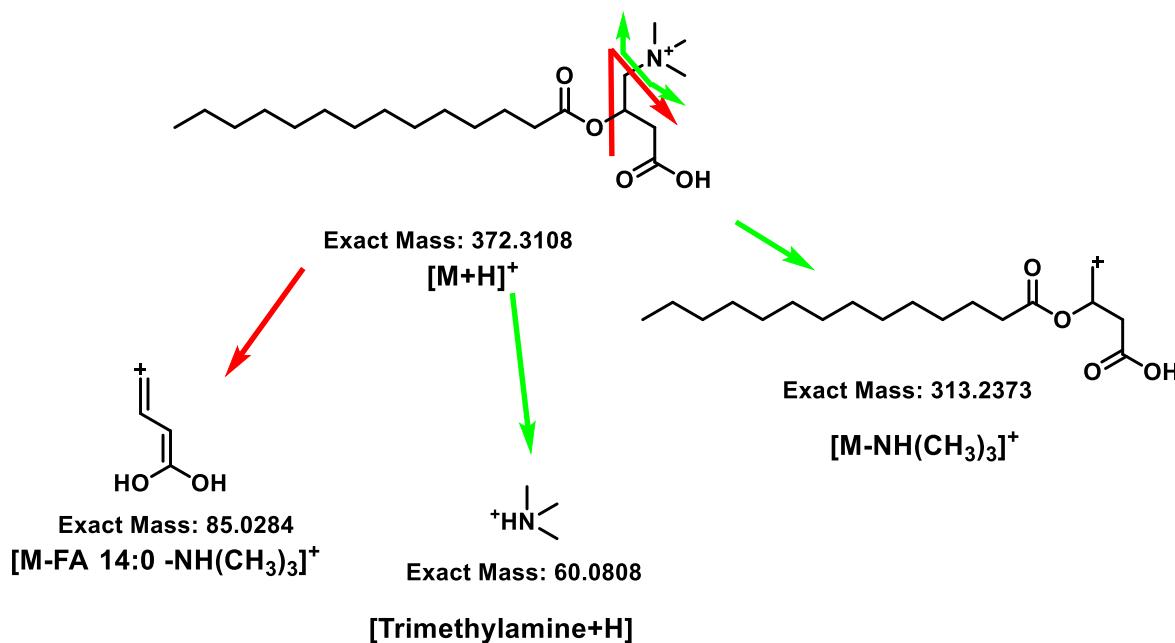
CAR were monitored as protonated adducts in the positive ion mode.

11.1. Fragmentation patterns

General fragmentation pattern and representative MS/MS spectra for CAR ionized in positive mode are illustrated below:

$[M+H]^+$

CAR 14:0



Scheme 11.1. General HCD fragmentation pattern of protonated $[M+H]^+$ adducts of CAR.

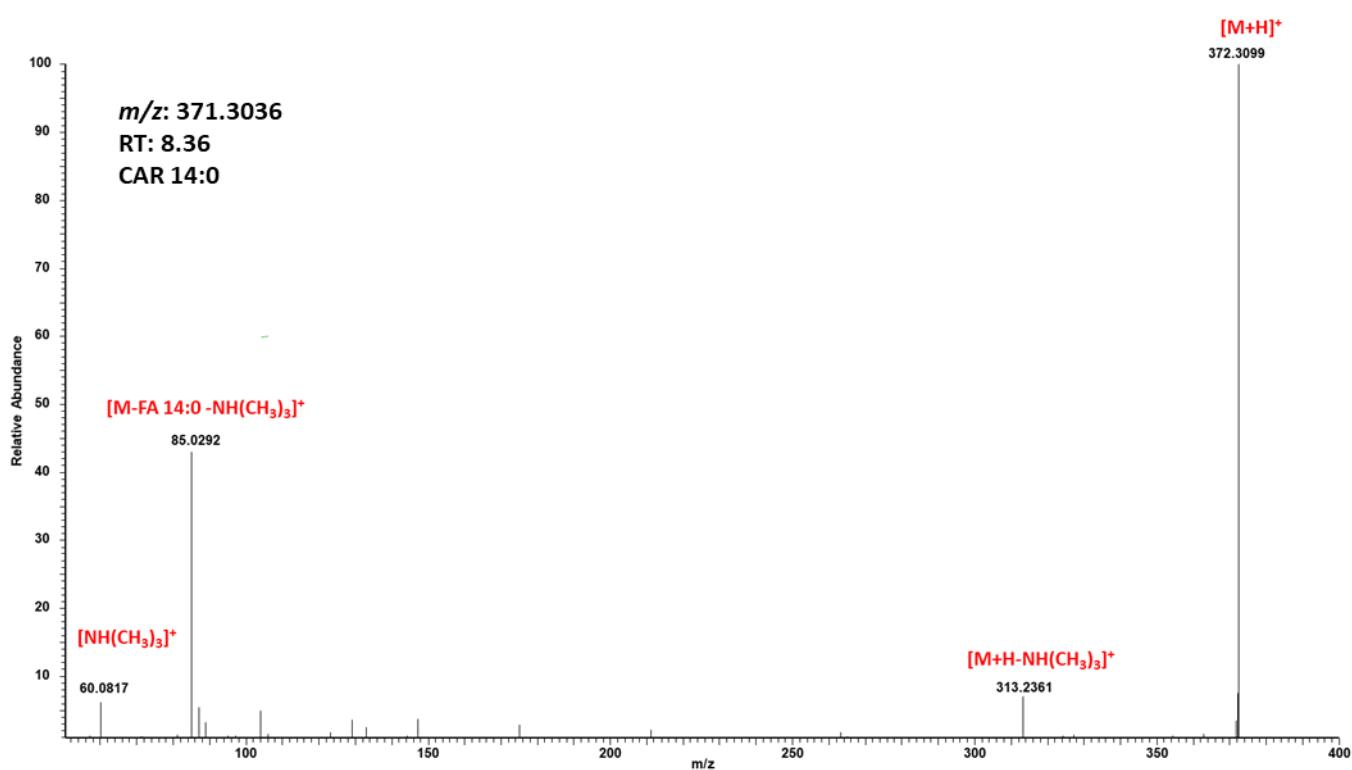


Figure 11.1. Representative HCD spectrum of the protonated adduct $[M+H]^+$ of CAR 14:0.

Table 11.1. Summary of CAR specific neutral loss and fragment ions obtained by positive ion mode HCD.

Positive ion mode HCD	
NL: 59 (choline)	+
NL: fatty acid + choline	+
FI: 60 (choline)	+

11.3. RT mapping

Finally, structure – RT relationships for all identified CAR species were visualized by plotting Kendrick mass defect by hydrogen (KMD(H)) vs RT plot to control identification accuracy (Figure 11.2). All species falling out of the diagonal (different carbon number but the same DBE) and horizontal (same carbon number but different DBE) trend lines were excluded.

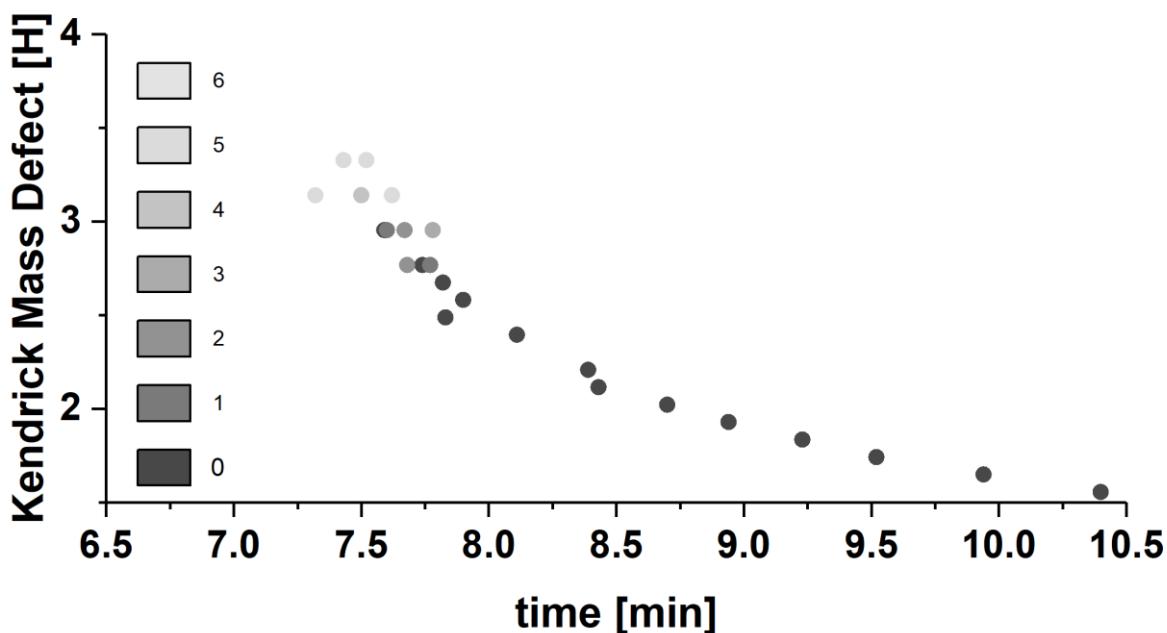


Figure 11.2. KMD(H), CAR carbohydrate chain carbon number vs RT plot for all identified CAR species. Symbols color represents the number of double bounds in carbohydrate chains.

Glycerolipids

12. Manual confirmation of identities for DG lipid molecular species.

Software assisted identification of DG molecular species required further manual confirmation to assure accurate identification based on specific fragment ions and retention time mapping.

12.1. Monitored adducts

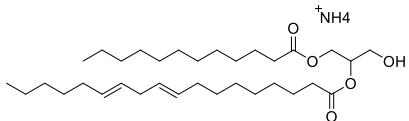
DG were monitored as ammoniated ions in positive ion modes.

12.2. Fragmentation patterns

General fragmentation pattern and representative MS/MS spectra for DG ionized in positive mode are illustrated below:

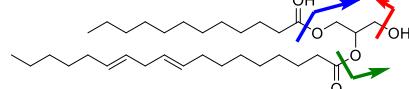
$[M+NH_4]^+$

DG 12:0_18:2



Exact Mass: 536.4441

$[M+NH_4]^+$



Exact Mass: 537.4514

$[M+H]^+$

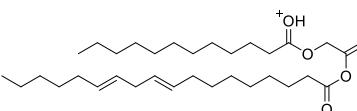


Exact Mass: 257.21

$[M+H]^+$

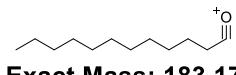
Exact Mass: 337.27

$[MG\ 18:2 +H-H_2O]^+$



Exact Mass: 519.44

$[M+H-H_2O]^+$



Exact Mass: 183.17

$[FA\ 12:0 -H_2O]^+$

Scheme 12.1. General HCD fragmentation pattern of protonated $[M+ NH_4]^+$ adducts of DG.

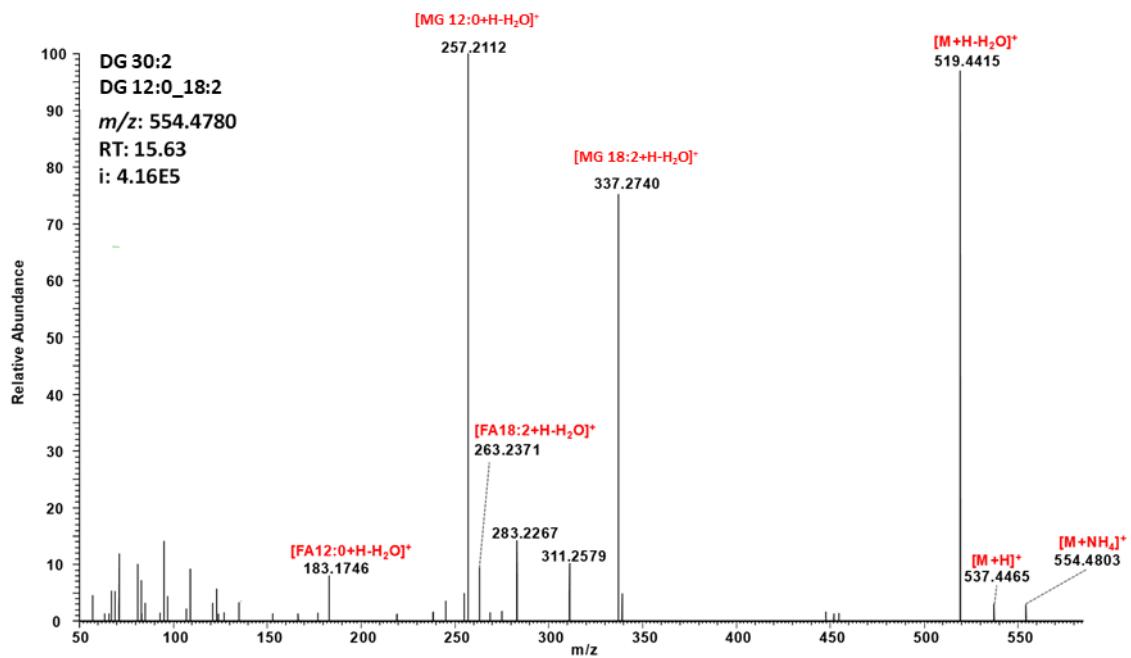


Figure 12.1. Representative HCD spectrum of the protonated adduct $[M+NH_4]^+$ of DG 12:0_18:2.

Table 12.1. Summary of DG specific neutral loss and fragment ions obtained by positive ion mode HCD.

Positive ion mode HCD	
NL: 17 (ammonia)	+
NL: 18 (water loss)	+
FI: fatty acyl 1 monoglycerol – H ₂ O	+
FI: fatty acyl 1 oxonium ion	+
FI: fatty acyl 2 oxonium ion	+

12.3. RT mapping

Finally, structure – RT relationships for all identified DG species were visualized by plotting Kendrick mass defect by hydrogen (KMD(H)) vs RT plot to control identification accuracy (Figure 12.2). All species falling out of the diagonal (different carbon number but the same DBE) and horizontal (same carbon number but different DBE) trend lines were excluded.

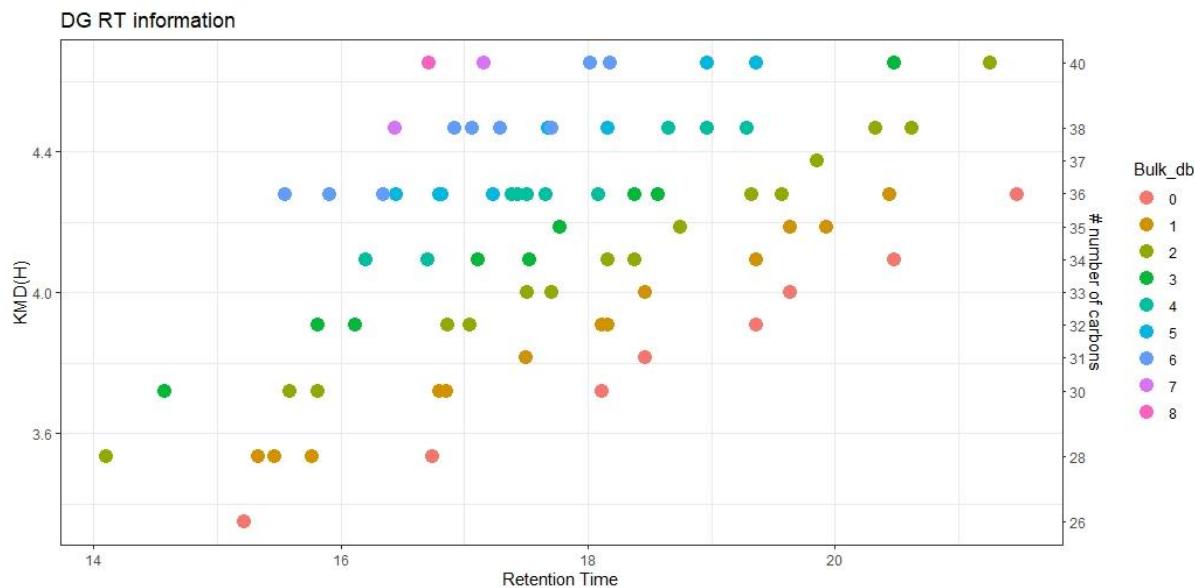


Figure 12.2. KMD(H), DG carbohydrate chain carbon number vs RT plot for all identified DG species. Symbols color represents the number of double bounds in carbohydrate chains.

13. Manual confirmation of identities for TG lipid molecular species.

Software assisted identification of TG molecular species required further manual confirmation to assure accurate identification based on specific fragment ions and retention time mapping.

13.1. Monitored adducts

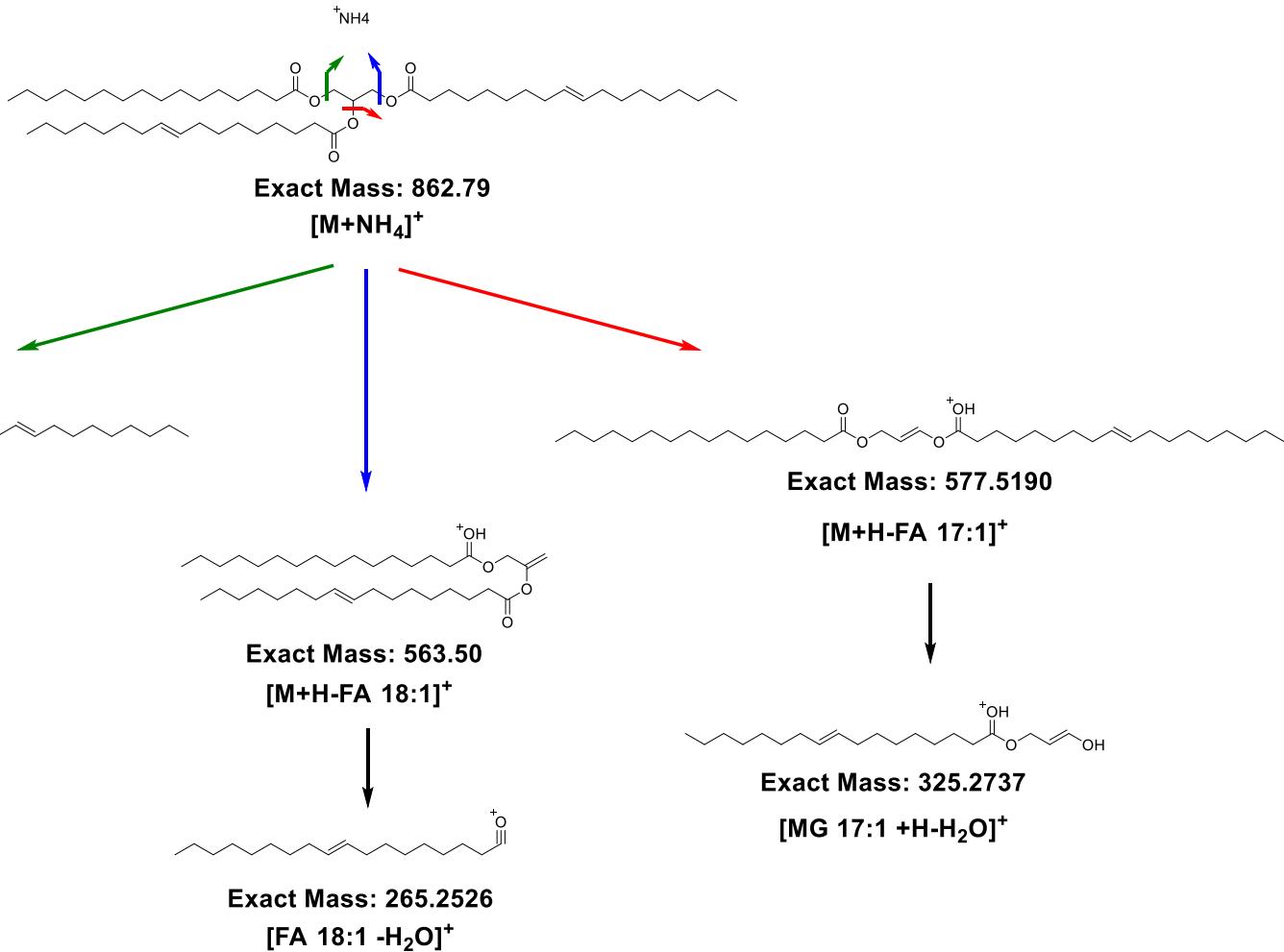
TG were monitored as ammoniated ions in positive ion modes.

13.2. Fragmentation patterns

General fragmentation pattern and representative MS/MS spectra for TG ionized in positive mode are illustrated below:

$[M+NH_4]^+$

TG 16:0_17:1_18:1



Scheme 13.1. General HCD fragmentation pattern of protonated $[M+ NH_4]^+$ adducts of TG.

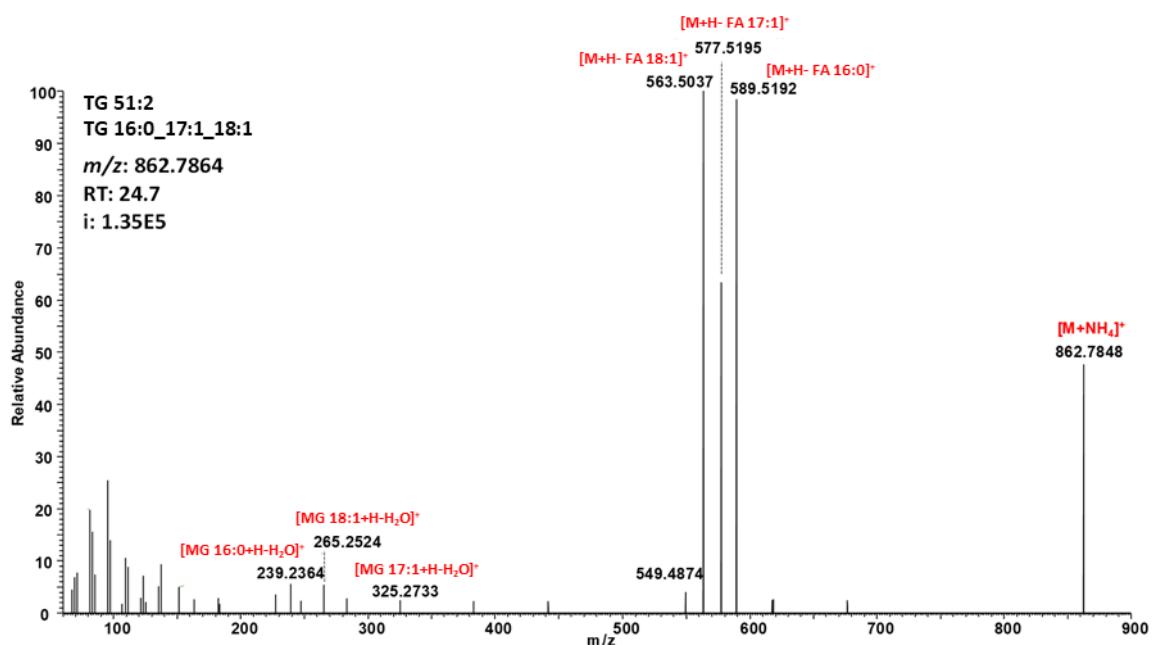


Figure 13.1. Representative HCD spectrum of the protonated adduct $[M+NH_4]^+$ of TG 16:0_17:1_18:1.

Table 13.1. Summary of TG specific neutral loss and fragment ions obtained by positive ion mode HCD.

Positive ion mode HCD	
NL: 17 (ammonia)	+
FI: fatty acyl 1 monoglycerol – NH ₄ – H ₂ O	+
FI: fatty acyl 2 monoglycerol – NH ₄ – H ₂ O	+
FI: fatty acyl 3 monoglycerol – NH ₄ – H ₂ O	+
FI: fatty acyl 1 oxonium ion	+
FI: fatty acyl 3 oxonium ion	+
FI: fatty acyl 1 monoglycerol – H ₂ O	+

13.3. RT mapping

Finally, structure – RT relationships for all identified TG species were visualized by plotting Kendrick mass defect by hydrogen (KMD(H)) vs RT plot to control identification accuracy (Figure 13.2). All species falling out of the diagonal (different carbon number but the same DBE) and horizontal (same carbon number but different DBE) trend lines were excluded.

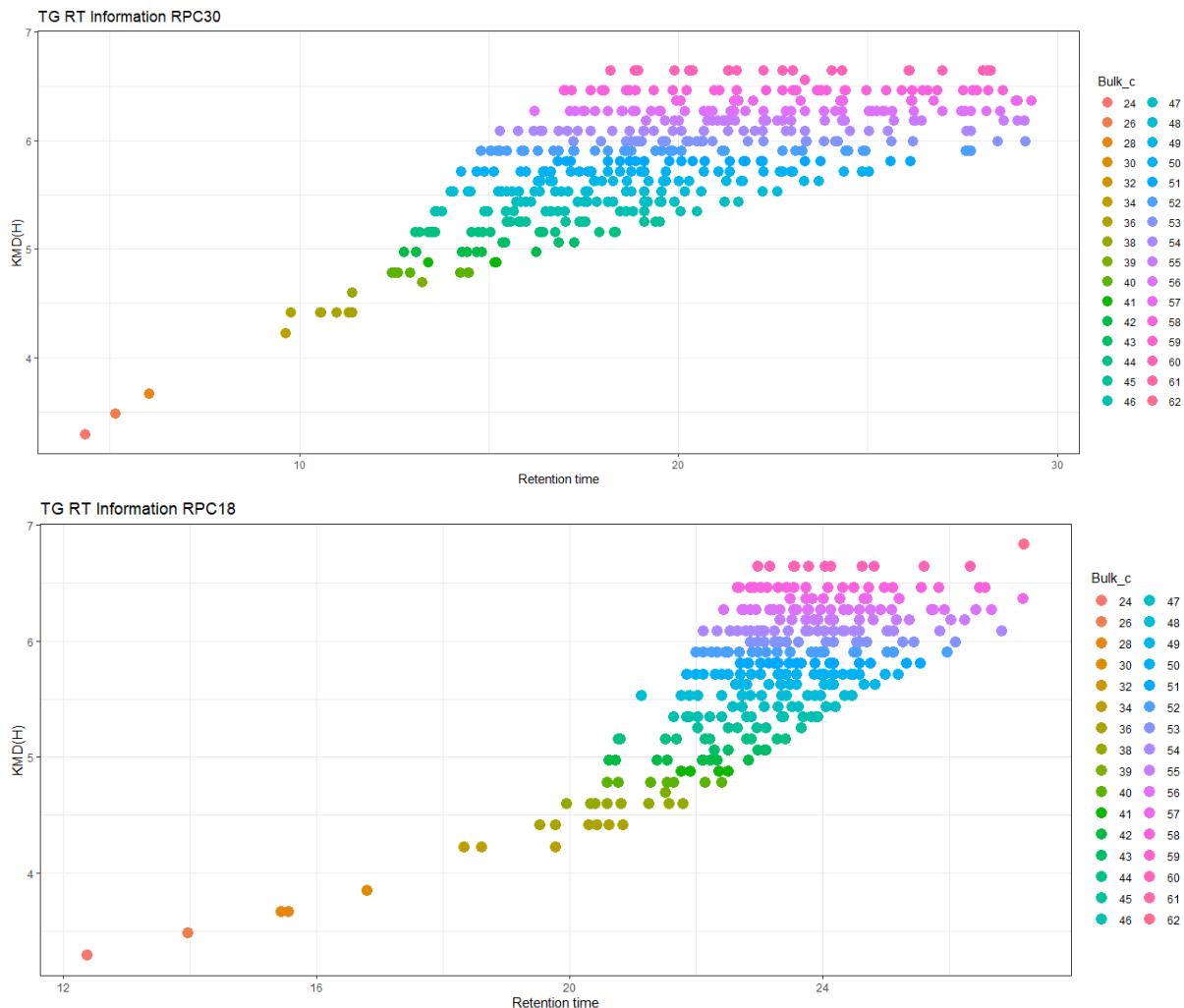


Figure 13.2. KMD(H), TG carbohydrate chain carbon number vs RT plot for all identified TG species. Symbols color represents the number of double bounds in carbohydrate chains. KMD(H) vs RT plots on RPC18 (upper panel) and RPC30 (lower panel).

Cholesteryl Esters

14. Manual confirmation of identities for CE lipid molecular species.

CE molecular species were identified manually and to assure accurate identification the presence of CE specific fragment ion was determined and retention time mapping was performed.

14.1. Monitored adducts

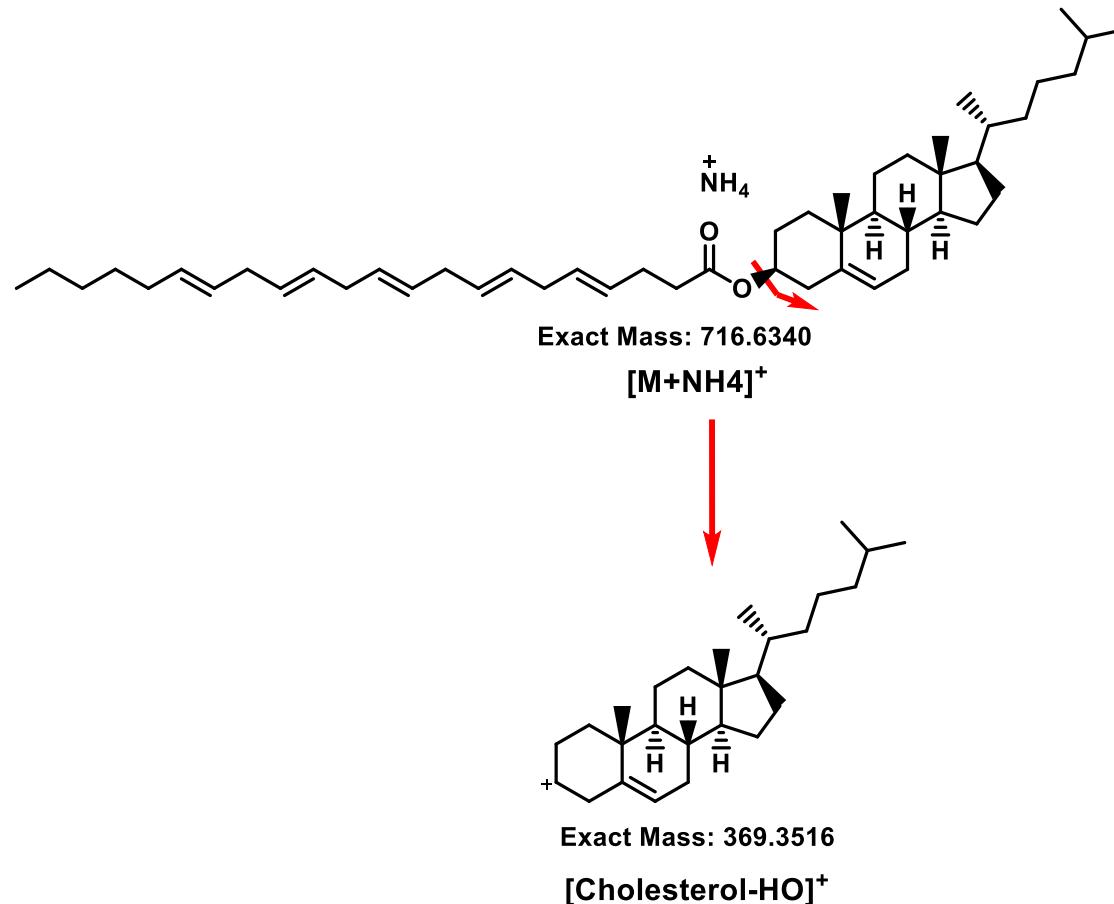
CE were monitored as ammoniated ions in the positive ion mode.

14.1. Fragmentation patterns

General fragmentation pattern and representative MS/MS spectra for CE ionized in positive mode are illustrated below:

$[M + NH_4]^+$

CE 22:5



Scheme 14.1. General HCD fragmentation pattern of protonated $[M + NH_4]^+$ adducts of CE.

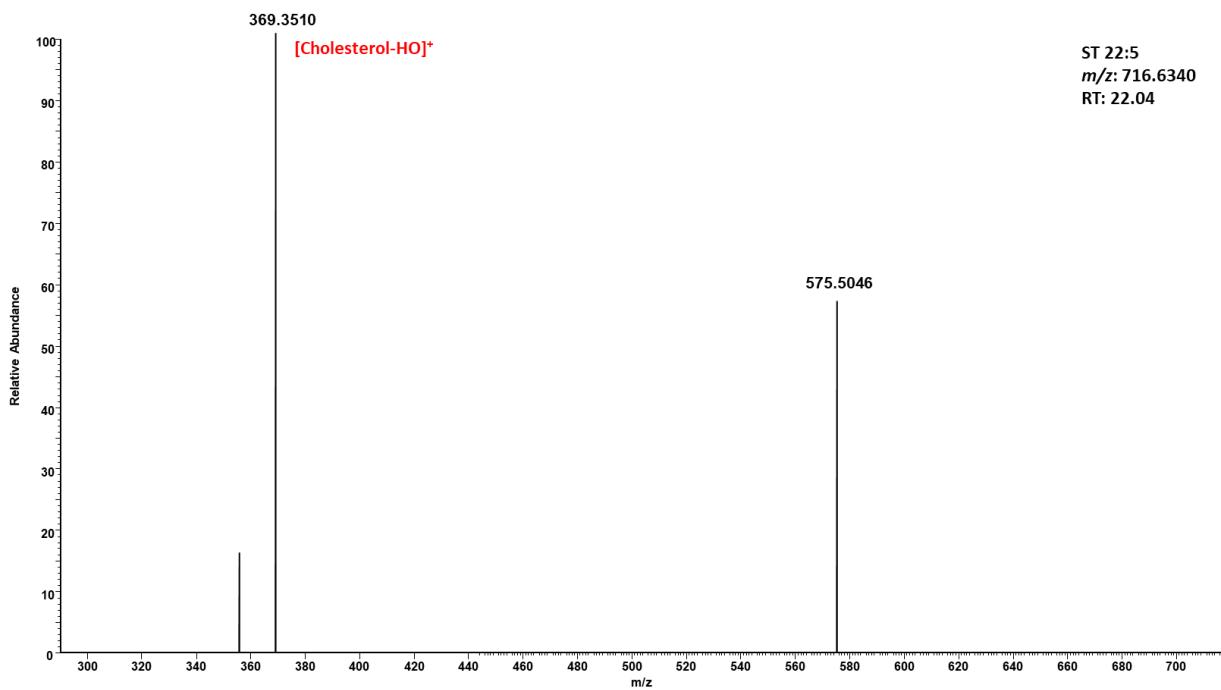


Figure 14.1. Representative HCD spectrum of the protonated adduct $[M+NH_4]^+$ of CE 22:5.

Table 14.1. Summary of CE specific neutral loss and fragment ions obtained by positive ion mode HCD.

Positive ion mode HCD	
FI: 369 [cholesterol – HO] ⁺	+

14.3. RT mapping

Finally, structure – RT relationships for all identified CE species were visualized by plotting Kendrick mass defect by hydrogen (KMD(H)) vs RT plot to control identification accuracy (Figure 14.2). All species falling out of the diagonal (different carbon number but the same DBE) and horizontal (same carbon number but different DBE) trend lines were excluded.

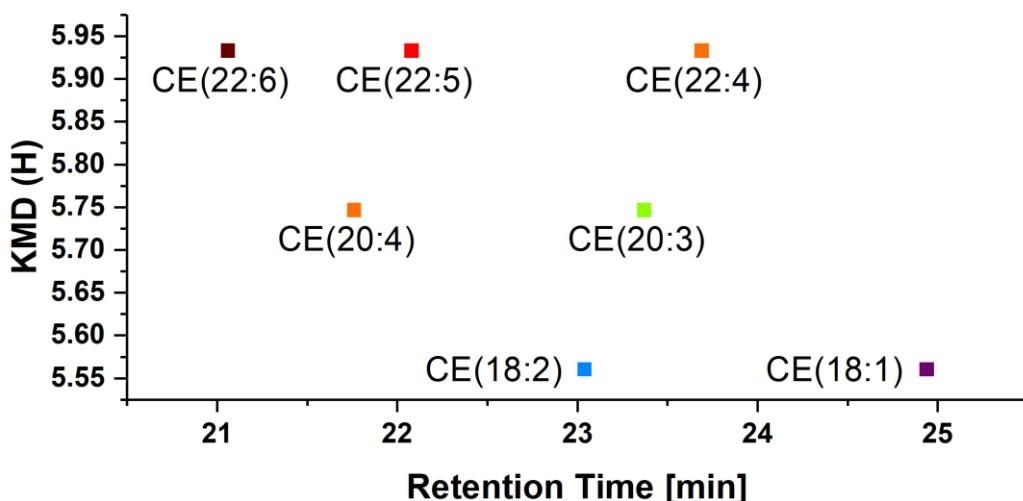


Figure 14.2. KMD(H), CE carbohydrate chain carbon number vs RT plot for all identified CE species. Symbols color represents the number of double bounds in carbohydrate chains.